

HALESOWEN CHRONICLE



Thursday, November 1, 2012

Read by more than 48,000 people

Price when sold 45p

mna media

He's dame good

Free tickets on offer to see panto dress rehearsal

Page 4



On the cards

Signwriter shows the art of supporting Hippodrome

Page 8



Hockey heroes

Hasbury girls are keeping their eyes on the prize

Page 40



Unused car parks could be replaced

UNDER-used car parking spaces could be earmarked for new development as part of the regeneration of Halesowen town centre, an action plan for the area has revealed.

The Halesowen Area Action Plan has been drawn up to help guide new investment, identifying where new shops, homes and leisure developments will be located.

Sites around the town centre have been earmarked for regeneration. The plan says there is a surplus of car parking spaces in the town and some could make way for shops and businesses.

One suggested site is office block Trinity Point and the High Street car park, which Dudley Council officers say is under-used at the moment.

They are promoting it for retail, leisure and restaurant uses but some short-stay car parking should remain if the multi-storey car park was to be pulled down. Among the other sites is the Pool Road car park, owned by the council, which bosses say is suitable for retail development.

The plan says: "The re-use of vacant upper floors in a town centre location is one way of helping a town to become a living place 24 hours a day."

Merry Hill to open longer

VISITORS to Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre will be able to shop for longer in the run up to Christmas, bosses say.

The shopping centre has extended its evening and weekend opening hours for the festive period.

From Monday, it will be open until 10pm on weekdays and until 8pm on Saturdays. The centre will be open until 5pm on Sundays.

Merry Hill marketing manager, Kelly Reed, said: "They hoped the move would give customers more convenience."

CUTS AT COUNCIL TO HIT EVERYONE

by Heather Large

PARKING charges will rise, youth services will be slashed and some home care for the elderly could be withdrawn as part of a multi-million pound cost-cutting budget proposed by Dudley Council.

Council leader Councillor Dave Sparks said the authority had been forced to make savings and was determined to minimise the impact on services. "Unfortunately we are in a financial straitjacket and we are having to do things that we really don't want to do. The government's policy on local government expenditure is forcing councils to make cuts," he said.

Job losses certain says finance chief

THE finance chief of Dudley Council said job losses were inevitable as the authority looks to cut its budget and make massive savings.

Chiefs have announced a three-year savings programme and a voluntary redundancy programme is expected to be approved this week.

Cabinet member for finance Councillor Pete Lowe said it was too early to say how many posts would be affected by the latest cuts but is certain that people will be lose their jobs.

But he added: "It is inevitable that there will be job losses but we will do all we can to keep these to a minimum."

Meanwhile, Dudley Performing Arts, which runs music and dance concerts and classes, is now facing further funding cuts.

The service will no longer hold public events, if cost-cutting plans are given the go-ahead.

Last year DPA was hit by funding cuts forcing it to cancel two major music festivals, which traditionally attracted up to 5,000 people each.

The latest cuts announced by the authority will see the arts body lose £178,000 of its funding in 2013/14.

Parks and streets will not be maintained as often and garden waste will go uncollected for five months of the year, under the plans to save almost £22 million over three years.

It comes on top of more than £30m which has been slashed since 2010, and which has seen 487 voluntary redundancies and 74 compulsory redundancies at the authority.

Further jobs are at risk with a voluntary redundancy programme expected to be approved next week in a bid to keep the number of compulsory redundancies to a minimum.

The council has announced a three-year savings programme with services for children and elderly among those affected.

Landfill

The proposals include introducing wheellie bins for household waste to slash landfill costs and shortening the collection period for garden waste.

Councillor Sparks said the authority had been forced to make savings and was determined to minimise the impact on services.

The figures highlight savings of £10.7m to be made next year, a further £4.8m the following year and £6.3m in 2015/16.

The proposals to reduce budgets would see parking charges in the borough increase by 20 per cent in 2013 and they by a further 10 per cent in 2014.

There are also plans to slash the number of long-term care beds for the elderly while home care services could also be cut back.

"Youth services for 13-19 year olds could be "significantly" reduced and revamped.

Finley's first with FA Cup night



From left, father Steven Slimm, Finley with the cup and mother Kate

Exclusive by Will Ackermann

A YOUNG football fan from Halesowen has won the FA Cup – at least for a night. Finley Slimm is the first person in the country to win a sleepover with the famous trophy.

Aston Villa fan Finley, aged seven, a pupil at Tenterfields Primary School, Halesowen won the chance to keep the trophy overnight on Monday after entering a prize draw held by the Football Association.

His father Steven, aged 45, of Sunbury Road, said it had been a "fantastic surprise". He added: "Heading down to the FA Cup Trophy Tour and having our picture with the FA Cup was unbelievable, but having it in our own home for the night was truly magical, a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we'll always remember."

The trophy is touring cities across the UK to introduce a new generation to the world's oldest domestic football competition.

Three more opportunities to take it home are available to children under 12.



Finley at home with the famous FA Cup

Grenade found in wardrobe clearout

DOZENS of people were evacuated from their homes when a Second World War grenade was found by a widow sorting out some of her husband's belongings.

Bomb disposal teams arrived to assist in the evacuation of up to 12 homes, in Coppice Lane, Quarry Bank, after the discovery on Monday.

Widow Maureen Chance found the explosive inside a box while she was clearing out a wardrobe of her late husband Leslie's possessions at her home in Birch Avenue.

Mrs Chance, aged 70, carried the grenade in her shopping trolley to show relatives' living in nearby Coppice Lane. She said: "I was a bit shocked by it all as I'm not sure how Leslie had it in the first place – plus it had been there for a while as he died 12 years ago."

Her niece Rachael Guest said: "I thought 'What is that' as it was quite heavy and had gone a bit rusty but it still had the pin in it."

Police officers arrived at the scene at around 7pm within minutes of them phoning an advice line.

Miss Guest, aged 38, placed the grenade in the back garden of the house on the instruction of explosives experts. Police evacuated homes within around 330ft perimeter as a precaution.

Family flee fire in roof

A FATHER and his three children fled as a blaze ripped through the loft of their house in Quarry Bank.

The fire severely damaged the roof space and led to the evacuation of next door.

It is thought to have been caused by faulty wiring to a spotlight on the landing of the semi-detached house in Hordern Crescent, at about 8.30pm on Tuesday.

Householder Kieron Jewess, aged 41, and his children, Ethan, aged two, Mia, eight, and Tyler, 11, were watching television when their alarm went off.

FIXED PRICE
All makes car servicing
VAT inclusive, FREE Wash & Vac,
FREE Courtesy Car, FREE Collection /
Delivery and FREE Estimates & Advice*
*Terms may apply



£110

'A' VALUE Service
Great value for money,
including a '45'pt check,
oil & filter change

Discounted MOT
When combined with any service

£35



Call our experts for friendly no-nonsense advice:

01384 561122

www.hallcraft.co.uk

HallCraft

MOT, Service and Accident Repair Centres

NEWS

CONTENTS

Peter Rhodes	4
Letters	7
Memory Lane	10
Club News	20
Puzzle Page	28
TV Listings	25-27
Property	29-30
Motoring	31-33
Classified	34-38
Sport	39-40

CONTACT US

Have you got a story or an event you want covered? The Chronicle and the Express & Star have a team of reporters covering Halesowen who can help:

Tom Mason: 01902 319466
tom.mason@expressandstar.co.uk
Charlotte Lilley: 01902 319490
charlotte.lilley@expressandstar.co.uk
Will Ackermann: 01384 353213
will.ackermann@expressandstar.co.uk
Heather Large: 01384 353203
heather.large@expressandstar.co.uk
Adam Burling: 01384 353209
adam.burling@expressandstar.co.uk
Louise Jew: 01384 353201
louise.jew@expressandstar.co.uk
Andrew Turton: 01384 353202
andrew.turton@expressandstar.co.uk
Lee Watton: 01384 353230
l.watton@expressandstar.co.uk

What's happening in your area? We are always keen to hear about any issues affecting you. Email your information and pictures to dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

Sports: E-mail: chronsport@expressandstar.co.uk
Photographic John Sambrooks
Tel: 01902 319431

Advertising:

Nikki Cope
Tel: 01902 319573 E-mail: n.cope@expressandstar.co.uk

Emma Parkes
Tel: 01384 353234 E-mail: e.parkes@expressandstar.co.uk

Distribution: Paul Jones
Tel: 01902 319990 E-mail: p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

HALESOWEN
thechronicle

Queen Street
Wolverhampton
WV1 1ES

Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm
and 2pm-5pm
www.yourchronicle.com

Scrapyard blaze hits train services

A BLAZE ripped through a scrap metal yard in Coseley, causing disruption to mainline train services as plumes of smoke drifted across railway tracks.

Up to 200 tons of scrap metal was alight at Geo Johnson (Metals) scrap merchants, in Havacre Lane, near the railway station on Monday. Trains were forced to divert from Coseley as smoke billowed across the tracks. In total, two train services

between Wolverhampton and Birmingham were cancelled and five diverted to other stations.

Residents saw flames shooting 20ft into the night sky as the pile of scrap and car parts caught alight at around 8.40pm.

Police closed Havacre Road between Darkhouse Lane and Anchor Road close to a railway bridge, while dozens of firefighters from Bilston, Dudley and Tipton

stations fought the fierce flames.

Once it was under control, workers from the company helped crews by using machinery to move the pile of metal so firefighters could tackle all parts of the blaze.

Water was pumped from the nearby Coseley Canal, with hoses dragged across Havacre Road blocking traffic. Watch Commander Ade Cope, of Bilston Fire Station, said crews were faced with a very severe

blaze. "It was a very well developed fire when we arrived with smoke and flames going very high into the sky," he said. "We were able to stop the fire escalating," he said.

Firefighters remained at the scene for eight hours. The cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

Train operator London Midland asked travellers to use rail tickets on the Midland Metro or buses between Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

£3m canal exhibition centre plans unveiled

A £3 MILLION education, exhibition and heritage centre could be built by Dudley Canal Trust under new plans. The two-storey building, called The Portal, which would be sited at the canal tunnel entrance at Todds End, would outline the Black Country's industrial past.



David Trevis-Smith

The top floor of the centre would provide access from the boat trips car park off Birmingham New Road.

A lift would be installed to enable people to get to and from the towpath and visitor embarkation wharf.

A swing bridge would also be installed to enable visitors from the Black Country Living Museum on the opposite side of the canal to access the ticket office, trip boats and heritage and learning centre.

A planning application for the scheme has been lodged with Dudley Council and a bid for Heritage Lottery cash to help fund the project has also been submitted.

200 tons of waste gone

MORE than 200 tons of waste has been shifted from a towering rubbish mound overlooking homes in Brierley Hill in one week, a court heard.

The Environment Agency is locked in a legal battle with bosses at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd over the pile, which once topped 40ft. A survey was carried out at the site last week to establish the height of the pile.

The High Court, sitting in Birmingham, heard the waste ranged from 20ft to 25ft high in place.

Judge Stephen Oliver-Jones QC extended an injunction made on October 19 restricting waste processing on the site.

The defendants were also ordered to clear the waste at the front part of the site to ground level by December 7.

This will stay in place until a three-day hearing on December 10.

Project manager David Trevis-Smith said if everything goes according to plan, work will get under way on the building in October next year and it will be ready to welcome visitors in summer 2014.

"This is something Dudley Canal Trust has been working on, with partners, for a quite a number of years," he said.

"The building will be a great addition for Dudley Canal Trust."

"This is something that Dudley Canal Trust has been working on, with partners, for a quite a number of years. The building will be a great addition for Dudley Canal Trust."

Tens of thousands of people visit the network of canal tunnels every year. The canal trust is inviting members and supporters to make donations to the scheme. For information visit www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk

Helen's hair hacked for charity



Helen Barrett, who works at Asda in Halesowen, having her head shaved for charity by colleague and friend Thomas Skidmore

A SUPERMARKET worker has shed her locks to raise hundreds of pounds for a cancer charity.

Helen Barrett went under the razor at the Halesowen branch of Asda on Saturday to bring in the funds for charity Ticked Pink.

The 32-year-old, of Stourbridge, has raised nearly £550.

Helen said the cause was close to her heart as her mum, Anne, died of breast cancer last year. She said: "I am really pleased with the amount of money raised and any more donations would be very welcome."

Visit Helen's Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/helen-barrett1



Helen with hair

History buff and ex-head dies, 81

A FORMER headteacher, author and historian renowned for his knowledge of the region's past has died, aged 81.

Tributes have been paid to Trevor Genge, of Brownswall Road, Sedgley, who died peacefully on October 5. His heartbroken family paid tribute to a kind, intelligent and charming man who would be greatly missed.

He leaves behind children Jenny, David and Alison and four grandchildren. His wife, Margaret, died two years ago.

Mr Genge was born in Lanesfield and started his career at engineering firm John Thompson before training to be a teacher.

He started work at Alder Coppice Primary School in Sedgley in the late-1960s before moving to the Bramford School where he became headteacher.

He also worked at Lanesfield Primary School, again as head, before his retirement in the late-1990s.

He was a dedicated historian and in 1964 was a founding member of Sedgley Local History Society.

Mr Genge served as chairman of the group for more than two decades.

Church fires facing chop

SEVENTEEN fir trees will be chopped down at a Dudley church under new plans to allow more light to reach a garden of rest.

An application has been made for permission to fell the trees at Holy Trinity Church in Amblecote.

Three letters of objection have been received by Dudley Council, including one from a former vicar at the church, but there have also been three letters supporting the proposals.

They have been recommended for approval by the authority's development control committee.

Award for band

A BAND from Dudley has won an award for their work on the club scene.

Covers group Flying Colours won Band of the Year at the Birmingham Entertainment Secretaries Council awards. The band started 20 years ago at the old Sir Gilbert Cloughton School, Blowers Green Road.

BROMLEY & ABLE
CARPETS/BEDS
FURNITURE/RUGS/VINYLS & LAMINATES
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE

Family run Est since 1978

DISABLED? OAP? CAN'T GET OUT? OR ANYONE WHO JUST NEEDS EXTRA HELP!

Can't come to us, we'll come to you. Free Estimates
We will bring 100s of carpet samples and bed brochures to your door
WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T
Remove and take away old carpets/beds Move heavy furniture
and shave doors PLUS FREE FITTING ON ALL CARPETS when purchasing our underlay.

NEED A MATTRESS? We will come to you!
Try Before You Buy
Mattress Service
We will bring a selection of
mattresses and bed brochures to your home

Click on-line for many great prices

www.ablecarpets.co.uk

Double Faux
Leather bedstead
only **£95**

Special Offer only 6 left.
Double memory beds plus
free matching headboard
RRP £279 **Now only £250**

Quality Double
Foam bed
RRP £899
Now £317

Luxury
Supreme
Double bed
RRP £899
Now £360

Warehouse Unit D Dormston Trading Est. Burton Road, Gornal DY1 2UF
Open: Mon-Sat 9.30-5.00 Call anytime between

Freephone **0800 0853747**
Dudley, Halesowen, Stourbridge, Kingswinford,
Pedmore, Kinver, Wordsley, Pensnett, Gornal, Hagley
Adrian Bromley **01902 880541**

Up to 75% OFF
We will beat your BIG Superstores

PROFESSIONAL CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING



Meet Adrian, the manager of Professional Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning. He has over 20 years experience of cleaning, repairs and fitting carpets. He also cleans upholstery as well as leather, home and office. No job too big or small. Technician Woolsafe Accredited



Telephone anytime for a free quotation
Covering all
Stourbridge, Dudley &
Halesowen areas

TEL: 01384 444022
or 0121 585 6591

FOOTWORKS
Chiropody Clinic

- Full range of services with disabled friendly access
- Nail Cutting and Trimming
- Diabetic Footcare
- Corns and Calluses

01384 413444

201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill B64 6HE
www.footworkschiropractists.co.uk

Broken Dentures?

1 hour
denture
repair
service

New Dentures
available & made at...

The Dental Shop
Est. 1991

01384 413444

201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, W. Mids. B64 6HE
www.the-dental-shop.co.uk

Targeting thefts of mobiles

THIEVES are stealing around 500 expensive iPhone and BlackBerry mobiles every month in the West Midlands, police have revealed.

Pickpockets are cruising busy pubs, clubs and shopping centres, looking for opportunities to snatch devices, officers say.

Police have now launched a crackdown ahead of the festive season when more phones are purchased and venues become busier.

Figures from West Midlands Police show an average of almost 500 iPhones and BlackBerry devices are stolen every month.

Officers say this amounts to around 75 per cent of all phone thefts reported.

Staffordshire Police said 1,454 mobile phones were stolen between April and September – an average of 242 per month. This included 310 iPhones and 277 BlackBerry phones.

West Midlands officers have now launched a new crackdown with an awareness campaign ahead of the Christmas period.

They say the operation is timely in light of the recent launch of the new Apple iPhone 5, worth at least £529.

£1m work is completed

A £1 million scheme to replace outdated facilities at a Dudley crematorium has been completed.

New cremators have been installed at Gornal Wood Cemetery and Crematorium, in Chase Road, during the six-month improvement to bring the site into line with emission regulations.

Two cremators have been installed, one of which will also accommodate larger coffins.

The site's chapel has also been decorated. The crematorium will return to full opening from November 5, after a restricted service.

Fungi fun time

THERE'S a chance to discover what lies in the undergrowth at a Dudley nature reserve this weekend.

A fungi foray will take place on November 3 at The Leasowes, Halesowen, led by expert Nick Williams.

The walk will be starting at 2.30 and finishes at 4.30pm.

Places need to be booked on 01384 814642.

Camra round table to fight for King Arthur



The King Arthur pub in Dudley

REAL ale campaigners are opposing an application to flatten the King Arthur pub in Dudley.

The move has shocked locals, with some saying the building should be preserved.

Anthony Hitchmough, pub preservation officer for Dudley and South Staffordshire Campaign for Real Ale (Camra), has written to Dudley Council saying he believes the pub, on the corner of Priory Road and Birmingham New Road, should not be demolished.

It was built in the 1920s and was a roadhouse, attracting mostly customers

with cars from further afield. The site has planning permission for a 70-bedroom hotel extension.

In his letter, Mr Hitchmough says: "Why demolish it, when planning permission to extend and provide accommodation has been granted?"

"Dudley is short of accommodation."

A notice has been put up at the site informing people that an application to demolish the pub has been submitted. It is not yet known whether another use for the site has been found.

Ward councillor Alan Finch has already spoken of his shock at hearing the

news, saying it was "a shame". Owner Amrinder Sandhu was granted planning permission for the £3.5 million hotel project in April 2010.

Work had been expected to start that summer. Mr Sandhu said at the time he needed to develop the site to supplement pub income and to prevent the building from falling into disrepair.

But in September 2010, the pub was put up for sale with estate agent Christie & Co. It was later withdrawn from their books.

Mr Sandhu was unavailable for comment.

Lifetime pet ban on brother and sister as dog destroyed

A BROTHER and sister who kept 16 pets in squalid conditions have been told they cannot keep animals again. RSPCA officers found Lawrence and Shirley Anne Griffin's dog Rocky lying on the living room floor covered in its own mess.

They were called after the pair were evicted from their previous address in Chestnut Drive, Dudley, on January 11. Magistrates heard the 15-year-old was treated by a vet but had to be put down as the dog had only been able to move its head and had a tumour on its stomach.

Five snakes, two cats, three birds, two lizards, a gerbil and two mice were also at the home.

Mr Griffin, aged 57, and Miss Griffin, 55, of Stourbridge Road, Brierley Hill, each received a 12-week jail term suspended for 12 months and 150 hours unpaid work.

Snakes

They were told to pay court costs of £779 – a total of £1,558 between them, alongside the lifetime ban.

Other animals, including snakes, were kept. Although their cages had not been cleaned they had access to food and water and were in a "reasonable condition".

The pair previously admitted causing unnecessary suffering to the dog and to not providing a suitable environment for the animal which was hygienic.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, said: "The dog was lying in the living room just behind the door. It was on its left side and was at first sight unrecognisable.

"The officer checked the dog's stomach and could count the bones and ribs.

"The house was squalid and filthy. The carpet was covered in general filth.

"A police officer described the smell as the worst he had ever smelled."

Mrs Sutton said vets found the dog was dehydrated and had arthritis.

Mr Tim Gascoyne, defending, said: "They have taken responsibility for what they have done and pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity. They did not know about the tumour and say the dog was given food. They did not know why the animal was losing weight."

Miss Griffin tried to clean the dog but said it had growled at her.



From, left, Kellie Magee, Stuart James, Sammie Lou, top, Theresa Smith and Helen Deakin aka Helesa, Bimal Jangra, Kay Davis, John Davis, Paul David

Talented locals in night of awards

LOCAL entertainers took to the stage at an awards ceremony celebrating the club scene's top talent.

Six acts won awards from the Mid-Counties Entertainment Council at Coseley Working Mens Club and belted out hits spanning five decades.

All had been voted for by council members following shows over the last year.

The youngest winner was 16-year-old Kellie Magee, who was named best newcomer. The Halesowen College student lives in Coseley.

Stuart James, 35, won best male vocalist just months after returning home to Oldbury from performing in Memphis and Las Vegas.

Sisters Helen Deakin, 29, and Theresa Smith, 39, of Tipton, won best duo.

Best female vocalist was Sammie Lou Cooper.

The 32-year-old, of Brierley Hill, spent five years as a singer in Benidorm and worked at Joe Longthorne's bar in Blackpool.

Winners of best trio for the third year running were Beyond Words, made up of married couple Kay and John Davies and Bimal Jangra. Paul David, 39, won best all-round entertainer.

NEWS in brief

MP helping with research on EU

A WEST Midlands MP is helping Conservative Party research into how UK financial services are affected by EU regulations.

As a member of the Fresh Start Project, Wye Forest MP Mark Garnier will contribute to the "Manifesto for Change".

The document will set out recommendations for reassessing the UK's relationship with the EU, potentially forming part of the Tory party's next election manifesto.

Glassworks' fate is in the balance

A FORMER 18th century glassworks factory in Dudley could be saved from demolition under plans to carry out a new assessment of its architectural value.

An application to knock down the buildings, which were part of the former Platts Glassworks in Platts Road, Stourbridge, has been lodged with Dudley Council.

But council planners want to put a block on the plans to allow more time to investigate whether the site is of "historic significance".

Writer who has a touch of glass

A WRITER, glass expert and broadcaster from Stourbridge will showcase his latest book at an event expected to attract thousands of collectors.

The National Glass Fair will be held at the National Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road, Solihull, between 10.30am and 4pm on November 11. Graham Fisher will be selling copies of the 2012 Portland Vase Project.

Village hall holding Christmas bazaar

A CHRISTMAS bazaar will be held at Stourton Village Hall, off Bridgnorth Road, on December 1. Doors will open to the public at 9.30am.

Traders still have time to take up a table at the event. They are asked to call 01384 872073 or 07801 929034. Tables are £10 in advance.

Nearly new sale

NCT's Stourbridge and Halesowen branch is organising a nearly new sale and baby fair on November 24 at Thorns Leisure Centre, Stockwell Avenue, Quarry Bank, from 11am to 1pm. Visit www.nct.org.uk/branches/stourbridge-halesowen.

HURRY!!!

Any Pizza*, Any Size

£5.99*

Carry Out Only

Take a Fresh Look™

175 Stourbridge Road,
Halesowen
To order call: **(0121) 550 5560**
Open Mon - Thur 4pm - 11pm Fri, Sat Sun Midday - late
dominos.co.uk

*From the menu or 'Create Your Own' up to 4 toppings. Not valid with any other offer. Offer is subject to availability and can be withdrawn without notice. Please mention offer when ordering. Double Decadence and Dominator, Stuffed Crust bases will be charged as extra. Only available at Halesowen Store.

HOMECLAD

- FASCIAS
- GUTTERING
- SOFFITS
- CLADDING
- TILE EDGING

BEST VALUE IN THE MIDLANDS

PREMIUM PRODUCTS EXPERTLY FITTED BY A LOCAL FAMILY COMPANY

SPECIAL OFFER
FREE guttering and downpipes

0800 73 13 946

CALL FOR A NO OBLIGATION QUOTE

16 MONUMENT AVENUE STOURBRIDGE DY9 8XS

M & H FIREPLACES

RETAILER OF THE YEAR 2003-2005

OPEN 5 DAYS. CLOSED WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

Visit our showroom at:
Forge Lane, Cradley Heath, Halesowen, B64 5AL
(Opposite Cradley Bus and Train Station)
Telephone: 01384 345400

NEWS

THE BEST
OF PETER
RHODES

AS the US elections approach, the master of one-liners Milton Jones explained on Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (Radio 4) how close his own father came to being President of the United States. He was an undertaker on an army base. A barrack embalmer.

~~~~~

MORE strangely-modern lines from Downton Abbey (ITV) where Ethel the maid says: "I'll give it a go" and Matthew declares: "I've been on a steep learning curve." Coming next: on being released from prison, Mr Bates says: "Freedom, like it's wicked, innit?"

~~~~~

THE organiser of a bonfire party next to a pile-up on the M5 had been charged with seven counts of manslaughter. I wonder how many November 5 bonfire organisers have resigned since this story broke a few days ago.

~~~~~

OUR recent correspondence about people's attitudes towards folk in wheelchairs reminded me of Ron Burns of Tipton. He was an amputee diabetic with heart trouble yet he was one of the funniest natural comedians I've ever met. He died in 1999 and in the final months of his life he was forced to use a wheelchair.

He noted that when he sat in it he was just 4ft 2ins tall, which inspired his bitter little poem about meeting someone he knew perfectly well but who failed to recognise him.

It began: "We met this man in Bilston, Well, my daughter did. He didn't recognise me; They never do when you're four feet two." I dare say plenty of people in wheelchairs know the feeling.

~~~~~

AND now, a sneak preview from the television schedules for this time next year, October 2013: Newsnight asks whether significant facts were overlooked in Panorama's investigation into the Guardian investigation into the Daily Mail investigation into the Blue Peter investigation into the One Show investigation into the Panorama investigation into the Newsnight investigation of the Jimmy Savile scandal. In-depth analysis by Zippy from Rainbow.

~~~~~

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Free parking on cards in run up to Christmas

FORTY car parks in Dudley borough will be offering free parking in the run up to Christmas in an effort to attract more shoppers to the High Street. Charges will be suspended on selected evenings and Saturdays in December.

## Report on five clubs

FIVE Dudley borough clubs for children with disabilities have received a glowing report after an inspection by Ofsted.

The clubs, run by Dudley Council's youth service, are at Greenhill Youth Centre, Russells Hall Neighbourhood Centre, Lower Gornal Youth Centre, the Source, Wordsley and Valley Road Youth Centre, Lye.

The clubs are for young people with learning disabilities and include partnership support from Kids Orchard, Autistic Parent Support Group and Autism Outreach.

Successful grant applications have enabled four of the centres to add sensory rooms, new equipment and extend the holiday activity programmes.

Ofsted inspectors visited the centres in July to observe activities and to interview staff, young people and their parents.

Dudley, Cannock and Wyre Forest Councils have pledged to offer free festive parking while Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell Councils are considering their options.

There will be free Saturday car parking on 40 car parks across Dudley that would normally charge on December 10, 17 and 24.

Charges will also be suspended on one evening to coincide with late night shopping and the Christmas lights switch on in Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Brierley Hill.

Fees in Dudley usually range from 40p for an hour to over £2.50 for over three hours, while in Cannock they range from 90p an hour up to £11.50 for six hours depending on the location.

Dudley transport boss Councillor Judy Foster said: "The suspension of car park charges is seen as a goodwill gesture on behalf of the council and an added incentive for shoppers to visit the borough on the run up to Christmas."

It could end up costing Dudley Council £20,000 in lost revenue.

## Time for free tickets, oh yes it is



Panto star Nigel Ellacott visits Dudley Castle and Zoo which is sponsoring the dress rehearsal of Jack and the Beanstalk

MORE than 1,000 free tickets are being given away for the dress rehearsal of this year's pantomime at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, Jack and The Beanstalk.

Dudley Zoo is on the lookout for worthy charities and community organisations that would like to attend on December 7.

The family favourite will feature Loose Women presenter Sherrie Hewson, veteran entertainer Keith Harris, plus the lovable Orville, with Nigel Ellacott joining the line-up as the distinctive dame.

Dudley Zoo is sponsoring the dress rehearsal and wants groups interested in attending to get in touch.

Call 01384 215313 or email julia.marketing@dudleyzoo.org.uk.

## Former teacher collected child porn

A FORMER teacher has admitted having almost 100,000 indecent images of children on memory sticks.

Matthew Bullas, formerly a PE teacher at Dudley's Castle High School, downloaded photographs and videos from the internet while in a "depression".

The 32-year-old of Hamilton Drive, Stourbridge, was arrested at his previous address in Halesowen on November 16 and computer equipment was seized.

A total of 98,972 images were found by officers spread across five memory sticks. Bullas, who was sacked from the school, was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

He was given a three-year community order with a requirement to attend the Internet Offenders Treatment Programme and given supervision. Bullas was also placed under a Sex Offender Prevention Order for 10 years and on the Sex Offenders Register for five years.

None of the images featured children at the school where he worked. Mr Danny Smith, defending, said his client was of previous good character.

"He had suffered a breakdown in his life which had vortexed into debt and depression," he said. "He had suffered the loss of a relationship and his grandparents and could not deal with this emotional burden."

# REMEMBER REMEMBER

## Get into Gas in November!

### BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

Have you got a burning ambition to become a gas engineer or fitter?

You don't need any previous qualifications or experience to set the world on fire and blaze a trail into the gas industry.

**DAY COURSE STARTS** Monday 5th November  
(one day a week for 32 weeks)

**EVENING COURSE STARTS** 6th November  
(Tuesday & Thursday Evenings for 32 weeks)

Electrical, Plumbing & Environmental Technology courses also available!

Training takes place at:  
Energy Training Centre,  
Ham Lane, Kingswinford, DY6 7JU

**0800 073 0282**

enquiries@bskills.org | www.bskills.org

Twitter @BSkillsS



**Business Skills**  
A division of Stourbridge College

# Save Money

Just Replace your kitchen doors!

See Our Best Xmas

## Offer

Ever!  
On-line NOW!

We're No.1 for Replacement Doors

Call FREE for a FREE Brochure today!

**0800 088 7044**

\*To see our latest offers why not go on-line at

www.imore.co.uk

For nearest showroom call 0121 369 0213

## Doors & More

www.imore.co.uk



COME AND SEE US AT OUR  
FACTORY STORE AND RECEIVE

## 50% OFF IN NOVEMBER

on selected suites only



Handmade suites to suit all Budgets

**QUALITY & COMFORT**

- Wide Selection of Fabrics
- Tailor Made Suites and Chairs
- Home Demonstrations Available
- Mobility Furniture
- 10 Year Guarantee on Frames
- We do full re-covers

Broadcote Ind Est., Unit 4, Station Road, Cradley Heath B64 6NT

Now in Stock - "SPRUNG EDGE COLLECTION"

**0121 559 3057**



## Hundreds pay their respects

HUNDREDS turned out to pay their final respects to a long-serving councillor and former mayor of Dudley who died earlier this month aged 79.

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Councillor Malcolm Knowles was held at St Thomas's Church, in Stourbridge. It followed an earlier private cremation service.

Residents, friends, civic dignitaries and Dudley Council workers filled the church in Market Street, last week to honour Councillor Knowles.

Among those gathered were Dudley's present mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram and councillors from all parties on the authority. Classic cars, one of the father-of-three's passions, were parked up along the street by friends before the service as a tribute.

The service was led by Councillor Knowles' friend and fellow councillor Liz Walker who is a minister in the Diocese of Worcester.

It was Councillor Knowles' personal request she conduct the service. The gathering stood to sing Jerusalem as his family entered the church before Councillor Walker gave an introduction.

## Talking history

BELBROUGHTON History Society is hosting a talk, by David Clark, former Mayor of Worcester, on November 21.

The event will start at 8pm at Belbroughton Church Hall.

The admission charge for the evening will be £2.50.

# Traders relieved as roads reopen after major works

**TWO roads in the Black Country hit by six months of repair works have fully reopened - bringing relief to traders who say they have lost thousands of pounds.**

But temporary traffic lights along streets on the border of Halesowen and Rowley Regis will remain in place for the next few days as the work is completed.

Coombs Road and Gorsty Hill Road were made one-way in April while South Staff Water and National Grid carried out the £500,000 project. Traders said takings had dropped by half in that time.

Bosses said customers were being put off by a lack of parking and heavy traffic.

They are now drawing up claims for compensation for the money lost in recent months.

Stephanie Cox, landlady of the Bell and Bear pub in Gorsty Hill Road, said: "There is still a backlog of traffic building up from the lights but it will make things much better now the road is two-way again."

"The problem now is making people realise that it is all open and hope they can start coming again."

Bosses at the Olympia chip shop, Coombs Road were losing £500 a week and profits halved since work started.

Owner and mother-of-two Dalvinder Kaur said she was relieved the road had opened again but said the works had "wrecked" their business.

There are four-way temporary lights at the junction of Coombs Road, Haden Hill Road, Dudley Road and Furnace Hill.

Drivers have faced delays during rush hour but the council says disruption will be reduced as the phasing of the signals will be changed for the final 10 days of the work before it is completed around mid-November.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transport, said: "The utility works are progressing well. The one-way system on Coombs Road has been removed which has improved traffic flow in the area. The utility companies tell us they are due to complete all their work by mid-November. We apologise to residents, business and motorists for any disruption caused."

## Lighter side of horror director's work



Museum assistant Barry Armstrong, looks at the work



Another piece of work on show



James Whale

PREVIOUSLY unseen cartoons, paintings and illustrations by a Dudley-born film director have gone on display in his home town.

The exhibition, Horror in Hollywood: The James Whale story, includes images from a selection of more than 70 unseen pieces of work. They range from his time in the Holzminden camp during the First World War through to paintings he did in his retirement in California.

The pieces have been loaned to the museum by Whale's great-great niece, animator Cath Lloyd. The bulk of the work was kept in two suitcases in the attic at Cath's grandmother's house.

Whale, who died in 1957 aged 67, came from humble beginnings in Park Hill Street, Buffery Park, to become one of cinema's most influential directors. His work included such classics as Frankenstein and the Invisible Man in the 1930s. One of six children born to a blast furnaceman and a nurse, he attended Kate's Hill Board School, Bayliss Charity School and Dudley Blue Coat School. His brothers went to work in heavy industry, but he was not strong enough so worked as a cobbler's apprentice.

The exhibition at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery runs until January 12.

## NEWS in brief

### Three cottages set to be restored

THREE historic carpet weavers' cottages which date back more than 200 years will finally be restored under new plans.

There were fears the homes, which are empty in Kidderminster's Horsefair, would have to be demolished because of escalating repair costs.

But a project has been launched by the Worcestershire Building Preservation Trust to preserve the homes for future generations. Numbers 20, 21 and 22, known as the Weavers' Cottages, are Grade II-listed.

### Police declaring war on burglars

POLICE in Wyre Forest have declared war on burglars with a raft of initiatives aimed at targeting persistent thieves.

The police chief heading the anti-burglary team says Operation Citadel will ensure criminals are caught early before they target other victims.

The drive includes a crime shop which has been manned in Kidderminster's Swan Centre and which focuses on burglaries.

**Society open day**  
CLINT History Society will hold its annual open day this month.

It will take place at Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue, on November 11 from 11am to 4pm.

Entry costs £2. Children get in free.

# RYDALE

## CELEBRATING OVER 27 YEARS

## WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES, PORCHES ORANGERIES, FASCIAS & SOFFIT BOARDS

### • SUPPLIED & FITTED TO ALL AREAS •

### • ACROSS THE MIDLANDS •

**Quality Assured**

**RYDALE SERVICES**  
WINDOW & DOOR REPAIRS

CONSERVATORY  
REPAIR SPECIALISTS

• LOCKS • SEALANT  
• SEALED • HANDLES  
UNITS • FASCIA &  
• GASKETS • GUTTERING

Telephone: 0121 559 4211  
Long Lane, Blackheath, Halesowen  
www.rydalewindows.co.uk

**MASSIVE DISCOUNT  
ON ALL ORDERS PLACED  
NOW FOR NOVEMBER  
INSTALLATION**

SUPPLY ONLY WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES  
**MASSIVE DISCOUNTS**

You are invited to visit one of  
the largest Conservatory and  
Window Showrooms in the UK

## FINANCE AVAILABLE

**Window, Conservatory, Porch, Fascia & Soffit News**  
**How has Rydale built up an excellent reputation?**

It's simple, customers' satisfaction and quality. The quality of Rydale's product, the quality of all Rydale personnel and the unbeatable service given to the public is second to none. No wonder Rydale has so many satisfied customers. Just look at the facts. Every window and conservatory is custom made to the most rigorous quality standards you will find in the industry.

No other company in the area has more experience and know how than Rydale, that's why we have been in business for more than 27 years. Rydale Windows security features make our windows super safe. We have a wide range of products on display at our purpose built 40,000 sq. ft showrooms and factories situated in Long Lane, Halesowen.

Our window and conservatory advisors are available in our showrooms weekdays from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. At Rydale we feel that it is very important to see products on display before you make your final decision to purchase. We invite you to come into our showrooms to view all our products available, the showrooms are here for you the customer.

At Rydale we do not take any deposits or stage payments. You only pay when the installation has been completed. Rydale has been a trusted brand in our area for over 27 years. If we give you a guarantee we will always be here to honour it. Can that be said of any other company in the area? Rydale also offer a Supply Only service on all products including free delivery.

**AT RYDALE WE CARE ABOUT THE CUSTOMER, SPEND YOUR MONEY WISELY.**

**VISIT OUR SHOWROOMS, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU THE CUSTOMER**



## AUTUMN SALE NOW ON

Visit our Showroom & Factories for immediate quotations



Open weekdays 9am to 5.30pm, Sat 9am to 4pm, Sun CLOSED.

# FREEPHONE : 0800 917 6060

Long Lane, Blackheath, Halesowen, B62 9LS

www.rydalewindows.co.uk





CASH **Hawthorne & Walker** CARRY

## CHRISTMAS ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN...

|                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Whole Boneless Turkey Crowns.....     | £2.67lb - £5.88 kilo  |
| Whole Small Beef Fillets.....         | £8.79lb - £19.38 kilo |
| 11lb Tray Fresh Chicken Fillets.....  | £23.99 tray           |
| Whole Small Carvery NZ Lamb Legs..... | £2.69lb - £5.71 kilo  |
| 41/2lb Ducks (oven ready).....        | £5.49 each            |

|                                           |                       |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Whole Fresh Ribeye of Beef.....           | £6.99lb - £15.41 kilo |
| Whole Fresh Sirloin Beef.....             | £6.99lb - £15.41 kilo |
| Whole Fresh Scotch Rumps.....             | £4.79lb - £10.56 kilo |
| Whole Fresh Topside Beef.....             | £2.99lb - £6.60 kilo  |
| Whole Small Silverside Beef.....          | £2.89lb - £6.38 kilo  |
| Whole Small Top Rump Beef.....            | £2.89lb - £6.38 kilo  |
| 5lb Diced Shin Beef.....                  | £2.58lb - £5.69 kilo  |
| 5lb Extra Lean Diced Scotch Beef.....     | £2.99lb - £6.59 kilo  |
| 5lb Chuck Steak.....                      | £2.78 lb - £6.13 kilo |
| 5lb Mince Beef.....                       | £2.20lb - £4.85 kilo  |
| Whole Fresh Pork Loins (rind on/off)..... | £2.00lb - £4.41 kilo  |
| Whole Boneless Pork Legs.....             | £1.58lb - £3.48 kilo  |
| Whole Bone-in Pork Loin.....              | £1.89lb - £4.17 kilo  |
| Whole Spare Ribs.....                     | £1.49lb - £3.28 kilo  |
| Whole Bone-in Shoulders.....              | £1.18lb - £2.60 kilo  |
| 5lb Loin Lamp Chops.....                  | £2.99lb - £6.59 kilo  |
| 5lb Lamb Rump Steaks (minted/plain).....  | £3.99lb - £8.80 kilo  |
| 5lb Diced Lamb.....                       | £3.99lb - £8.80 kilo  |
| 5lb Minced Lamb.....                      | £2.99lb - £6.71 kilo  |
| Boneless Horseshoe Gammons.....           | £1.99lb - £4.39 kilo  |
| 5lb Pk Rindless Short Back Bacon.....     | £8.50lb p/pack        |

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER

9-10lb Boneless Turkey Crown, 2lb Scottish Rump Steak, 12 x Pigs in Blankets  
3lb Joint of Pork, 3lb Joint of Beef, 2lb Gammon Joint, 2lb Back Bacon  
2lb Best Homemade Sausage, 1lb Award Winning Pork Pie, 1lb Sausage Meat  
1lb Black Pudding Ring, Free Bottle of Cava

**ALL FOR JUST £99**

**FREE HOME DELIVERY ON ORDERS OVER £30**

Email us on: hawthorneandwalker@gmail.com www.hawthorneandwalker.co.uk

All offers subject to availability  
**01384 633648** (24 hr answer phone) or **01384 353550**  
**TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME**

Opening times: Mon: 9am-1pm Tues: 8am-5pm, Wed & Sat: 8am-1pm, Thurs & Fri: 8am-5.30pm

**172-6 HIGH STREET, QUARRY BANK**

Most Credit Cards taken -  Visa, Mastercard, etc

## NEWS

# Scouts' plans rescued by kindness of local people

FORMER Scouts, businesses and locals have rallied round to raise cash and donate equipment to a Dudley troop left "gutted" when burglars raided their HQ.

The break-in at 1st Bromley-Pensnett Scout group's hut in September scuppered the youngsters' plans for an autumn camp.

But, thanks to the generosity of the local community - including donations from elderly ex-Scouts - they will be off on a Christmas camp instead. Nearly 40 people who were upset to hear about their predicament have donated money or goods.

"We've been very touched by the response, especially as this is quite a deprived area," said Belinda Garratt, Beaver Scout leader and wife of Scout leader Andrew Garratt.

"We've been given a gazebo, eight new tents, axes, a camping cooker, items to sell at a car boot sale, and several cheques, including one for £1,000, another for £250, one for £200 and a couple for £100.

"Some of the donations have come from elderly people in the area who have scouting backgrounds - and they've been very generous. One man even gave us a new door to replace the one damaged in the break-in and came to fit it for us."

The troop has now invited all of the contributors to a special evening to thank them at the headquarters in Bromley, Pensnett, on November 23 at 6pm. More than 60 Scouts at the group were left "gutted" after burglars broke in.

## Milk message from MP

AN MP spoke of the importance of youngsters drinking milk when she visited a playgroup.

Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, spoke to bosses at Withymoor Playgroup in Brierley Hill, where children are encouraged to sit together on a "milk break". School milk is free for children in daycare or primary education under the age of five.

## Youngsters show talent



Performers in Areley Kings Got Talent including winner Holly Brown, front second from right, dressed as a chimney sweep

CHILDREN in Stourport proved that they'd got talent at a competition held over two evenings at Areley Kings Village Hall.

The Areley Kings Got Talent contest attracted 22 acts, aged seven to 11, who sang, danced or played an instrument.

The performers appeared in front of a packed house of parents and friends and gave the four experienced judges a challenge in choosing just 10 performers for the finals.

The finalists then performed in front of another packed audience on

October 12, when singer and dancer Holly Brown, aged 10, took first place, winning the Jim Perry Cup and £30.

Singer Hannah Law, aged 11, was second and singer Mackenzie Lauren Mapp, 10, third.

Ten-year-old Alex Mills, who also entered as a singer, took the Graham Baldwin Cup for the best performer of the opposite gender to the winner - and Ella Kendrick carried off the Hazel Yates Cup for best seven-year-old. The event was supported by local organisations.



# FLOORS-2-GO

THE WOOD FLOORING *Expert*

**BEAUTIFUL OAK  
REALWOOD FLOORING**

FROM

**£19.98**  
sqm

**12MM ULTRA THICK  
LAMINATE FLOORING**

FROM

**£12.98**  
sqm

**STUNNING  
LAMINATE FLOORING**

FROM

**£3.98**  
sqm

images for illustration purposes only

# \*PLUS FREE UNDERLAY

\*FREE BRONZE UNDERLAY. UPGRADES AVAILABLE

### HALESOWEN 1

Unit 5-6  
Mucklow Hill  
Trading Estate,  
Mucklow Hill,  
Halesowen,  
B62 8DF

Tel: 0121 504 3720



### HALESOWEN 2

93 Dudley Road,  
Halesowen,  
Birmingham  
B63 3NS

Tel: 0121 550 5221



### DUDLEY

100 Birmingham Rd.,  
Dudley,  
DY1 4RF

Tel: 01384 237 000





## LETTERS

# Time to think big over theatre

ATTENTION has been drawn to the proposals of The Friends of the Hippodrome to renovate this former theatre with a view to restoring it.

As I understand it, plans to proceed with the necessary financial arrangements, restoration works and theatrical consultations are in hand and that certain celebrities have already expressed their support.

Whilst Dudley Council has a demolition order imposed on the property no meaningful application for funding can proceed. In the meantime, the matter is at a standstill.

I do not know whether removal of the

order is yet in hand, but wake up people of Dudley and ensure it happens and avoid the disgrace of demolition!

Destroying a fine theatre building to enhance a leisure complex does not make sense. Business people do not demolish their assets so why did Dudley buy the building?

It seems an alternative proposal for this land, at one of the gateways to Dudley, is to construct a car park. There is, of course, already a large car park to the rear of the property adjoining Dudley Zoo.

Dudley Hippodrome is arguably the largest building of its kind in the

country and no doubt other cities and towns envy Dudley and would wish to have something similar.

The whole of the Black Country lacks a theatre of this dimension. This is a non-political issue.

Is it not time for the councillors of Dudley to think less parochially and vote to remove the order which stands in the way of progress before the bulldozers move in?

Now is the time to think big and to look to the future of Dudley.

**BRIAN TURNER**  
Gervase Drive  
Dudley

## BBC still a world best in spite of criticisms

MY word, yet another anti BBC hissy fit by the boy Rhodes because he thinks it is occasionally biased against his Tory government.

In his piece on October 23 he couldn't bear the BBC Radio 4 Today on October 20, because they dared to mention Labour criticism of Cameron's leadership, even though many of our own party don't rate him.

They also mentioned "Plebgate" and the appalling Andrew Mitchell. This reminded me of Rhodes' fury at the exposure of the Murdoch and Rebecca Brookes phone hacking scandal and her close friendship with the Camerons. The BBC is a world best, despite trash like Eastenders and too many unfunny comedians. I will always trust Paxman and colleagues to get the balance right.

**JOHN SAVAGE**  
Kingswinford

## LETTERS to the Editor

### POST

Halesowen Chronicle,  
Chronicle Editorial, 51-53  
Queen Street, Wolverhampton  
WV1 1ES

### E-MAIL

Dudley.chrons@  
expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## We have done our bit now you do yours

SO according to certain sectors of society, predominately the younger generations, we old ones should contribute more to the Treasury by a) working longer; b) losing free TV licences; c) losing winter fuel allowances and d) losing our bus passes etc.

I would like to remind those of the younger generation that us old ones, in general, have worked for more than 50 years to earn sufficient to get married, bring up a family without child benefit for the first one and then a generous £8 for the next one. Contributed all our working life by paying NI and into a company pension which I could ill afford at the time as my wife and I were bringing up a young family of three so we went without. Had my career interrupted by two years National Service on active service in the Canal Zone, Egypt protecting Great Britain's and the free world's interests. Have done unpaid work for the benefit of my fellow man by serving as a parish councillor for years, setting up a Neighbourhood Watch and serving as chairman on the South Staffs Crime Prevention Panel. What more do the younger generation expect of us? We have done our bit, now it is up to you.

**REG SEGGAR**, Swinforge Way, Swindon

## Let's fight back over high call charging

WHEN is someone eventually gonna fight back against these stupidly high priced telephone numbers which we are then deliberately placed on hold to push the cost of the call up even further?

My girlfriend had a mobile phone bill of £125 because of the calls to the Department of Works and Pensions.

All she was trying to do was sort her mom's claim out after her father had died and also try to sort her daughter's government training course out. She can't afford to pay the bill.

It's always the poor unfortunate who get penalised.

Calls to an ever-decreasing quality of government customer service should be paid for by them for their incompetence and not by the claimant.

**MARK WHITE**  
William Street  
Brierley Hill

# Hawthorn Windows



A family run business with majority of work coming from recommendations

Why pay more? Deal direct with the owners, no salesmen, and see the difference  
Doors from £450  
Composite Doors from £630  
Conservatories from £4500  
Ring for more details

Specialists in Door, Window, Porch and Conservatory Installations

Composite Doors from £630

Wide choice of colours available

Misty units replaced

**WE OFFER GREAT DEALS ON ALL UPVC PRODUCTS**

Quality products at quality prices

10 year guarantee

Faulty door locks and window hinges replaced

**We will beat any quote**

FENSA registered

**Unit 1, Shenstone Trading Estate, Bromsgrove Road,  
Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3XB  
Tel: 0121 559 6320**

# Replace Your Tired Kitchen, Bathroom or Bedroom With A Makeover...

Did you know that, 80% of our customers are retired? Find out why they trust us for yourselves...

**40% OFF**  
Doors and Drawers  
Before 30th November

**PLUS 10% OFF**

All New Kitchens, Bedrooms, Bathrooms  
Book your no obligation Quote Today!!

0121 550 4821 or 07726 104200

Offers cannot be combined

Laminate flooring in tile form - very classy

Wet Wall Panelling for bathrooms, no more grouting

Budget range of flat-pack kitchens, super 18mm, for better value and quality than any of the major retailers inclusive of soft close doors, and drawers

**OVER 100 DOOR STYLES, AVAILABLE IN ANY COLOUR YOU CAN NAME**

**OVER 200 WORKTOP FINISHES  
ALL CABINETS AND WARDROBES 18MM PRE-BUILT**

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



Appliances: Neff, Bosch, Rangemaster, Belling, Baumatic, Hotpoint, Stoves and many more

Franke Sinks 50 Year Guarantee

What our customers say!  
"...it looks like a palace..."  
"...definitely recommend 'Quality Kitchens' to our friends and family..."  
"...totally professional from beginning to end..."

**No False Promises! No Pressure!**

**Homeowners...**

**Looking to sell?**

Enhance the prospects of selling your property - stunning results for a minimum outlay

**Just moved in?**

Let us help to transform your property into a dream home

**Decided to stay?**

Fall in love again with your home - Revamp your kitchen, bedroom or bathroom and allow us to show your home's true potential

**Bring us your dream pictures and we will bring them to life**

**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

www.qkm.org.uk

**WE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN!!**

- Minimal disruption
- Free design service
- Unbeatable prices

**OPEN:**

Monday-Friday 9.30 am-5.00 pm  
Saturday 10.00 am-2.00 pm



**Quality Kitchen Makeovers Ltd**  
And Associated Companies

Oak Lodge Buildings, Furnace Hill  
Halesowen B63 3LZ

Tel: 0121 550 4821 Mobile: 07726 104200

Terms & conditions apply to all offers

**At QKM**

We are dedicated to offering our customers the finest service within the home improvement market

**THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN**

Membership No A120074



'We have customers who would be more than happy to show you the excellent standard of work'





## MARTYN 4 NEW IDEAS

### FITTED BEDROOMS

- Family run business
- Made to measure furniture
- Large choice of designs
- Over 30 year's experience
- Free design service
- Personal commitment

We are a family run business with over 30 year's experience in fitted bedrooms. We pride ourselves on quality and providing excellent customer service.

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
Monday-Saturday 8 am-5 pm  
Sunday 10 am-2 pm



Unit 6, Two Woods Trading Estate, Talbotts Lane  
Brierley Hill, DY5 2YX  
Formerly of Level Street, Brierley Hill

**01384 482662**

## NEWS

# Fresh bid is launched to get 140 homes built

DEVELOPERS have launched a bid to get plans for 140 homes, a craft village and nursing home on a historic former brickworks approved at the second attempt after they were thrown out by council chiefs.

A planning inquiry is being held into the proposals for Baggeridge Brickworks, Gospel End, Sedgley. David Wilson Homes and site owners Weinerberger have appealed against South Staffordshire Council's decision to refuse planning permission earlier this year.

Councillors had argued the development would be too large for the village – but developers claim it would boost the area's economy and attract new visitors.

The applicants are hoping to convince the Planning Inspectorate to overturn the council's original decision and give the go-ahead.

The inquiry has heard that the plans go against the Black Country Core Strategy, which lays out guidelines for major building projects in the region.

Mr Satnam Choongh, representing the council, said the document made it

by Adam Burling

"clear" there should be no new housing developments other than in "major villages", which he says does not include Gospel End.

He argued, as the site lies in green belt, it could only get planning permission under "special circumstances".

However, the developers claim the land is among green belt sites that the council had said could be built on in the future.

"We have found a sustainable location where we can start a development that will have benefits for the area," said David Bridgwood, associate director for engineering firm Wardell Armstrong, on behalf of the applicants.

The plans include 12 craft workshops, a 60-bedroom nursing home and new road access from the A463.

## Help is on the cards



Garry Sawers who has made the Christmas cards

A SIGNWRITER and supporter of under-threat Dudley Hippodrome has created a selection of dedicated Christmas cards to show his backing to the campaign to save it.

Tipton-born Garry Sawers, 54 has backed the bid to stop the former theatre from being demolished.

The colourful cards are decorated with a picture of the former theatre and two hippos standing in front of the building. Inside the card, the greeting says: "Wishing you a bostin' Christmas". Mr Sawers, of Pensnett said he wanted to do something to help with the campaign to reopen the building.

### Petition

More than 10,000 people have now signed a petition calling for it to be saved and The Friends of the Hippodrome group is finalising a costed business plan for the future.

Mr Sawers said: "The Hippodrome means a lot to people in Dudley, it is such a landmark. I just wanted to do my bit to help and I thought the Christmas cards would add a bit of festive cheer."

"If they prove popular I plan to create a range of different designs." Mr Sawers is asking for donations in return for the cards to go towards the campaign. He has even decorated the spare wheel on the back of his Honda CRV with the hippodrome design. To purchase Christmas cards contact Gaz at [www.gazart.co.uk](http://www.gazart.co.uk).

# dudley

**DOORS, WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES**  
**QUALITY & SECURITY AT AFFORDABLE PRICES**

## WHITE & COLOURED UPVC DOORS

## COMPOSITE DOORS



Fitted  
£550

Fitted  
£450

Fitted  
£375

Fitted  
£450

From  
Fitted  
£550

Fitted  
£620

Fitted  
£800

From  
£880

All prices include fitting

## PATIO DOORS

## FRENCH DOORS



£780 fitted  
1800 x 2100



£700 fitted  
1800 x 2100

Why come to us for  
your windows, doors  
and conservatories

We install approx  
1,000 installations  
a year of which  
half come from  
recommendation, so  
call us today for a no  
obligation quote



5 WINDOWS AND FRONT DOOR  
OF YOUR CHOICE ONLY £1695

LOOK OUT FOR OUR CONSERVATORY  
ADVERT NEXT WEEK

[www.dudleydoorsandconservatories.co.uk](http://www.dudleydoorsandconservatories.co.uk)

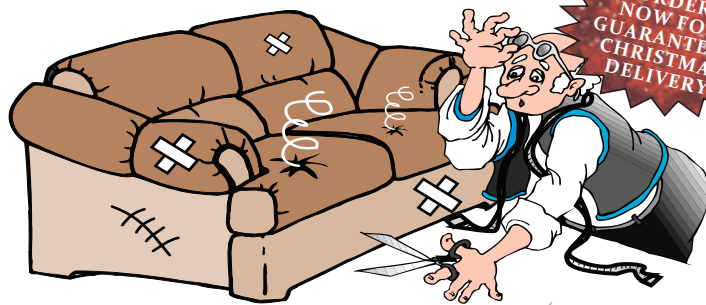
Come and visit our factory for quality and factory outlet prices

**DON'T DELAY CALL TODAY**

**Call: 01384 292484 Mobile: 0777 2131678**

Call for a FREE Home Visit or Visit Our Stallings Lane Factory (next door to Cane & Patio)

# Is Your Old Suite Looking a little tired and worn???



## FULL RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICE

- 35 Years Experience • All Work Guaranteed • 1000's of Fabrics
- Prompt Efficient Service • Discount for OAP's

**FREE ESTIMATES**

### Sofa Style

Chatsworth House, Hayes Lane, Lye, Nr Stourbridge DY9 8RD

**01384 892018**

OPEN Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm





## NEWS

# Boss skimmed £20,000 in nursing home fraud

## Mooch around studio



Mooch members – from left, Ross Syner, Harvey Champion, Mike Hobin and Greg Wallace

A LIVE music venue and recording studio has opened in Stourbridge bringing 12 part-time and full-time jobs.

Moochers Jailhouse has been created at the former Conservative Club building in New Road.

More than 100 people came on the opening night to watch performances from Wales band The Guns and Kidderminster band Mooch, which is the club's house band.

Co-director Ross Syner, aged 21, said: "These are exciting times."

"We've been speaking to a lot of people from the area and they say a

venue like this is needed. We want to put on original live bands for people in Stourbridge. There are a lot of local bands here but there is no clear circuit.

"A lot of bands have to go out to Birmingham to get a decent gig so this is about giving them something closer to home."

"We're lining up some good bands for the coming months so hopefully we'll get a lot of interest."

"We're not looking to take on pubs in the area, we love pub gigs, we just want to offer people something different."

THE finance chief of a Wall Heath nursing home raided savings to buy toiletries for residents while plundering £20,000 from its bank accounts.

Debt-ridden Tracy Bennett secretly moved almost £3,000 into a personal bank account to pay her bills and then fiddled the books to try and cover up the three-and-a-half month crime spree, a judge heard.

She forged signatures on receipts that suggested cash had gone on buying a specialist chair, solicitor's fees or other expenses for residents at Holbeche House.

The 40-year-old single mother of twin girls also syphoned off a further £17,545 paid by local authorities to cover the accommodation costs of people living at the home, Wolverhampton Crown court was told.

Bennett joined the staff at Holbeche House in 2008 and worked her way up to become in charge of the finances.

Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting, said: "When arrested, Bennett only admitted those offences that were incontrovertible and showed no remorse, blaming it all on her depression."

Bennett, of Broad Street, Kingswinford, admitted two charges of fraud involving a total of £20,496 and was given a 42-week jail sentence suspended for two years.

Bennett may be forced to hand over money and other assets from a proceeds of crim hearing in February.

Mr Bernard Porter, defending, revealed at Wolverhampton Crown Court that £8,500 found in Bennett's account when the scam was uncovered had since been frozen.

## Police hunting criminal

DETECTIVES are hunting for a Stourbridge man who is wanted for recall to prison.

Donovan Taylor, aged 34, has not been complying with the terms of his licence and is believed to have continued to commit crime. He is a mixed race man, 5ft 10ins with black hair. Call Dudley police on 101.

Visit our website at  
[www.choiceswindows.co.uk](http://www.choiceswindows.co.uk)

# Choices Home Improvements

**Big Savings For All Your Home Improvements During November On High Quality Brand Name Products To Give Your Property The Wow Factor**



**Some good quality reasons to pick Choices for your home improvements**



Telephone 0121 557 7228

Showroom at: Sedgley Road West, Tipton DY4 8DQ

## Open Day

Saturday 10th November 2012  
10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Dudley College, The Broadway, Dudley, DY1 4AS

FREE bus pass  
for all full-time  
16-18\* year olds  
starting in  
September 2013

\*Terms & conditions apply



Leaving school?  
**We've evolved**  
Are you ready to join us?



Call 01384 363 072 or visit  
[www.dudleycol.ac.uk](http://www.dudleycol.ac.uk) for details

hands-on  
thinking  
Since 1862



## MEMORY LANE



A nurse tends to the care of young children at The Beeches. The windows are open to give the children fresh air



A banner calling for the hospital to be saved from the axe sits on the balcony of The Beeches which did shut in 1989

# Memories of hospital are needed for project

A HISTORY project capturing the changing phases of The Beeches Training Centre and Penn Hospital will be held at Wolverhampton Art Gallery next month.

Local people are being asked to share their memories of the site to produce a book and memorial bank. Situated on the Penn Road, The Beeches is an 18th century grade II listed building and was originally a gentlemen's residence.

During the nineteenth century, it was the home of Lieut. Col. Waterhouse who sold it to Francis Gibbons, one of the oldest and biggest makers of locks and ironmongery.

In 1935, the house was purchased by Wolverhampton Royal

by Charlotte Lilley

Hospital which converted it into a convalescent home for women and children.

Throughout World War Two, patients at the Royal were evacuated to their homes and in 1941, the children's wards moved to the Penn site.

The first ward for seriously ill children opened at the Royal in 1951 and once patients showed signs of improvement, they were sent to The Beeches to recuperate.

Fresh air and sunlight from the large bay window is thought to have contributed to the children becoming well again and visitors walking down the Penn Road often mentioned seeing patients shivering on the balcony.

Young girls were given basic training to look after the children and lived on the top floor of the house.

Their duties included keeping them fed and amused, a hard task considering they were only children themselves.

The Beeches closed in 1989 but is noted for having looked after hundreds of children from Wolverhampton and surrounding areas suffering from serious illnesses such as Polio and Tuberculosis.

It was re-opened in 2004 as The Beeches Training and Education Centre, used for health and social care.

The art gallery project runs from November 17 until December 15. Anyone who would like to get involved should telephone 0121 612 8010.



A postcard of The Beeches for recuperating children to send to their parents

**Dreamland**  
For all that's best in  
**BRITISH BEDS!**

AND OUR PRICE PROMISE TO YOU!

**Plus**  
**3 FLOORS**  
OF QUALITY BEDS!  
**FAST**  
DELIVERY!  
**OVER 30 YEARS**  
EXPERIENCE!  
**BEST**  
SERVICE

**WE WILL MATCH ANY INTERNET PRICE! ON A HUGE RANGE OF FAMOUS NAME BEDS...\***

Terms & conditions apply

**OPEN**  
Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm  
Sat 9am-5.30pm  
Sun 11am-4.30pm

**Supporters of**  
Mary Stevens Hospice

**Genuine savings with our all year round discount prices**

EVERYTHING RIGHT FROM ADVICE TO PRICE  
**Dreamland Superstore**  
23 Mill Street, Brierley Hill, 01384 74166

**WAKE UP & FEEL GOOD**  
**PAY CASH, PAY LESS**

**ULTIMATE FITNESS**

**GYM NOW OPEN**  
Open 7 days a week  
Contract and non contract available  
Pay as you go

**Unisex Fitness Centre**  
Cardio Resistance Free Weights

**Doulton Road Unit F** T: 01384 638558  
**Rowley Regis B65 8JQ** M: 07721 783291  
[www.ultimate-fitness.org.uk](http://www.ultimate-fitness.org.uk)

**The Dressing Rooms**  
Accept nothing less than perfection

**Annual Marquee Show**  
Sunday 11th November  
11 am-4 pm

**Bridal Fashion Show**  
• See next year's 2013 designs before they are in store  
• Watch them on the catwalk and then try them on  
• Win your Dress up to the value of £1,000!

Please email for your invitation  
[enquiries@thedressingroomsbridal.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thedressingroomsbridal.co.uk)

**The Dressing Rooms**  
24 Manor Lane, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 8PY  
[www.thedressingroomsbridal.co.uk](http://www.thedressingroomsbridal.co.uk)  
[enquiries@thedressingroomsbridal.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thedressingroomsbridal.co.uk)  
Telephone: 0121 423 2777

**A-Zee Fix**

**DOUBLE GLAZING INSTALLATIONS & REPAIRS**  
Telephone: 01384 259761  
Mobile: 07769 975841

70mm Internally Glazed High Security Frames  
28mm Pilkington 'K' Units  
Document L Compliant  
Shoot Bolt Locking  
Sight Line Glazing  
Secured By Design PAS023 / PAS024

Repairs and Upgrades  
Insurance Work  
Failed Units

Broken Locks  
Door Panels  
Letter Boxes

Sticking Doors  
Handles and Mechanisms

**ALL WORK GUARANTEED PHONE TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTATION**

**GRANTS**  
**Bookkeeping Services**

Open 7 days per week  
9am - 9pm

**Don't Forget 31/01/13 for online Tax Returns**

• Accounts Preparation  
• Self Assessment  
• VAT  
• P.A.Y.E.  
• Bookkeeping

**30 years in Business**

Call 01384 568013  
Email: [grantwilletts@btinternet.com](mailto:grantwilletts@btinternet.com)



## NEWS

# Work to create £8.5m health centre under way



**A SCHEME to transform a historic Dudley foundry into an £8.5 million health centre is now officially under way.**

Health bosses gathered at the former Foster, Rastrick and Company site, in Lowndes Road, Stourbridge, for a sod-cutting ceremony. The development, which will serve 26,000 patients, is being created by Worcester Street Medical Practice in partnership with Primary Health Properties PLC.

The ceremony marked the beginning of an 18-month project to create the new health centre. The facility is expected to open in early 2014.

Members of the practice were on hand along with officials from Dudley Primary Care Trust to see the first piece of earth being cut.

The first phase of the scheme will see the former foundry cleaned up and unwanted items from within the building removed.

Conversion work will then begin. Dr Carol Griffiths, executive partner at the Worcester Street practice, said both staff and patients were excited that the scheme would soon be a reality.

"We will soon have a state-of-the-art surgery which will offer a full range of GP services to 26,000 patients," she said.

"There will be an enhanced nursing suite, minor operations theatre and a gym and rehabilitation area. This is an exciting development which will be an important part of the regeneration of this part of Stourbridge." The Foster and Rastrick building is known across the globe.

## MP marks a milestone

A DUDLEY MP joined staff at a supermarket to celebrate one million donations being made to a charity appeal.

Stourbridge MP Margot James visited the Sainsbury's store, Sandringham Way, Withymoor, and learned about the Million Meal appeal, which encourages customers to donate food in store to the FareShare Charity. She praised the charity for its efforts.

Worcester Street Surgery GP Heidi Kerr, fellow GP Simon Carvell, Graham Dearn, Dr Steve Mann, Paul Maubach and surgery practice manager Cathryn Bateman see the work on the building get underway

**Himley Garden Buildings**  
HEAVY DUTY LOG-LAP SHEDS

Himley Garden Buildings is a company built on tradition, established over 15 years, employing a workforce of dedicated craftsmen, producing the highest quality sectional timber buildings. Since its inception, Himley Garden Buildings has become synonymous with the words Quality, Service and Reliability. This is further backed by our comprehensive 5 or 15 year guarantee dependent upon cladding choice.

Each building manufactured goes through a rigorous selection process. This includes the hand-selection of raw materials, through to final delivery and erection inspection. Having craftsmen work on just one building at a time, you can be assured that years of dedication and pride is built into every building.

- Tonalised Panels
- 22mm thick/12 mm T & G available
- Low Maintenance, Tongue and Groove
- Available in all sizes

**Freephone 0800 9961 888**  
**or phone 01384 634005**

• Sheds • Summer houses • Playhouses • Potting Sheds • Workshops • Home Offices

"If you can draw it, we can build it!"  
HGB House, Maypole Hill, Halesowen, B63 2NZ  
Info@himleygardenbuildings.co.uk

2x2m framing throughout, full tongue and groove floor and roof section  
OPEN Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm Sat 8am - 3pm

Explaining the cost of quality rather than apologising for something less

Call us For a FREE Quotation

**D&S Kitchens**  
Kitchens and Bedrooms

Our services include:

- Free Planning and Design
- Installation
- Building Work
- Plastering • Plumbing
- Electrics • Tiling
- Flooring

**www.dandskitchensltd.co.uk**  
come and visit our award winning showroom

D & S Kitchens Ltd, Maypole Fields, Cradley, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 2QB Showroom  
**Tel: 01384 343399**  
Open 9am-5pm Mon-Saturday. Appointments only on Sunday open until 7pm on Thursdays

We are proud to announce that we are now a Bosch product partner.

# Hasbury Windows Ltd



**SEALED UNITS  
REPLACEMENT AVAILABLE**

**6 Windows and 2 Doors Only**

~~£2999~~  
**NOW £2799**

**SPECIAL OFFER**

**OTHER OFFERS  
AVAILABLE**

Throughout  
November  
including fitting  
and VAT  
(terms and conditions apply)

**Also French Doors £850 • Back Doors £450**



**Autumn  
Offers a  
Great Deal  
at Hasbury**

- \* Your local well established business offering top quality products and service
- \* No payment until completion
- \* Call us now for a great deal on your new windows, doors and conservatories
- \* Visit our showroom \* Deal direct with the owner
- \* If you want quality, value and service it 'has to be Hasbury'!

**9 Halesowen Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9AA**  
**0121 421 7001 / 0121 421 2104**

(opposite the Stag & Three Horseshoes)  
**SHOWROOM OPEN:**  
Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm • Sat 10 am-2 pm  
Phonelines open 9 am-9 pm





# StormSeal

UK LIMITED / Est. 1988

Roofing • Windows • Doors • Porches • Fascias • Conservatories

25 YEARS IN BUSINESS

**FREE GLASS ROOF UPGRADE!**

for ANY Conservatory over 15 sq.metres

Highest quality energy efficient products from the Midlands **No1** Conservatories/Windows Installer The brand you can trust

**BUY NOW, PAY LATER OR 0% INTEREST FREE CREDIT\***

We will beat any genuine like for like quote from any established reputable company (10 years plus)\*

**EDWARDIAN/VICTORIAN CONSERVATORIES**

Fully Fitted Incl. Base From only **£3999**

No job too big or small - from Windows to Orangeries

**Is your roof leaking or need replacing?**

- Life expectancy up to 50 years
- 20 year guarantee

**SPECIAL OFFERS on Windows & Doors!**

**HUGE SAVINGS ON FASCIAS & SOFFITS**

**Freephone 0500 77 75 75**

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Walsall 01922 430 908           | Stratford Upon Avon 01789 270 726 |
| Cannock 01543 401 101           | Leamington Spa 01926 702 303      |
| Wolverhampton 01902 489 498     | Telford 01952 427 667             |
| Stafford 01785 318 699          | Rugby 01788 211 019               |
| Coventry 012476 960 880         | Kidderminster 01562 539 341       |
| Sandwell & Dudley 01384 847 123 | Birmingham 0121 568 7388          |

"Stormseal fitted our windows over 20 years ago, since moving we have had a conservatory and a full house of windows and recommended them to all our friends and family. Gittins of Dudley"

"Thank you to your office staff who co-ordinated everything perfectly"

Mr & Mrs Simmons of Walsall

"The way you and your company dealt with me from start to finish has, beyond doubt, more than met my requirements and given me total satisfaction. I am very impressed!"

Mr Hemmings of Coventry

"I was recommended to the company 10 years ago and recently had a conservatory fitted. I am over the moon with the quality and service"

Miss Rae of Stafford

**FENSA**

Registered Company 24875

GOLD MEMBER

"I am delighted with my conservatory and would highly recommend your firm"

Miss Challoner of Wolverhampton

**GIFT VOUCHER**

In Conjunction with Conservatory Order - One item per customer

☐ Electrics including Fan Lig ☐ Air Cooler/Heater ☐ Laminate Flooring

For a Free Quotation call Freephone no: 0500 77 75 75 Lines open 24 hours a day

Pinfold Street, Darlaston/Wednesbury WS10 8SY Regional Depot: 0121 568 7388

Fac: 0121 568 8818

Email: [sureshielduk@btconnect.com](mailto:sureshielduk@btconnect.com) Website: [stormsealuk.com](http://stormsealuk.com)

Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer

**Have You Been Injured in an Accident?**

**NOT your fault?**

Keep 100% of your compensation

- No deductions
- Win or Lose - you pay nothing

Your claim will be handled by friendly specialist solicitors who are local to you.

**Middleton Dummer SOLICITORS**

**FREE HOME VISITS**

**0121 544 4788**

Please contact: **Rob, Adam or Angela** at

High Tree's House, 1-9 Pool Lane, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands B69 4QX

There is one small job that you have been meaning to do for years -

**Make Your Will**

Only **£70.00** plus VAT

Per person for couples, Mirror Wills.

Single Wills **£75.00** plus VAT

A home visit at a convenient time

For information and appointment call

**0845 678 7010**

Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Will Storage, Estate Planning and Guardianship Trusts

Members of the Society of Will Writers

**Goodwills Ltd**

[www.goodwillsmidlands.co.uk](http://www.goodwillsmidlands.co.uk)

**Safely access your loft!**

**FULLY FITTED FROM £245**

We provide a convenient and safe way to access your loft.

Each ladder has a 10 year parts guarantee and can be installed in approx 2-3 hours.

We offer a loft boarding service if required at an additional cost.

PHONE TO ARRANGE A FREE QUOTE.

Manufactured to ISO 9002 Standard

**Telephone: 01952 282152**

**Mobile: 07817 431505**

**JAKES'D LADDERS**

The Local Distributor & Installer for **STIRA**

For more information visit: [www.stira.co.uk](http://www.stira.co.uk)

**ACHTUNG - PARTS FOR EVEN MORE GERMANS!**

NOT ONLY VW-AUDI, BUT ALSO B.M.W., SEAT, SKODA & MERCEDES

CHECK OUR UNBEATABLE PRICES

**UPTO 70% DISCOUNT**

Quality, Service & Value Since 1975

**P.W. EURO PARTS LTD.**

TWO GATES LANE

HALESOWEN WEST MIDLANDS

**TEL: 01384 567752 & 565300**

[www.pweuroparts.com](http://www.pweuroparts.com)

## NEWS

# Man with £11,000 drugs has been given jail term

A MAN caught with a haul of drugs worth £11,000 and a stun gun has been jailed for four-and-a-half years.

Drug dealer Ryan Harper was arrested in March after police found the weapon in his car and drugs in his home.

He was released on bail and during that time officers returned to his home in Fairgreen Gardens, Pensnett, in July and found more illegal drugs. Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "On March 30 this year, police officers stopped the defendant in his car."

"In that car they found a stun gun which could cause significant harm. Having arrested the defendant, officers searched his home address. They found substantial quantity of drugs with an overall street value of £11,000."

Officers seized cannabis, methadone, cocaine and 1,656 diazepam tablets.

They also found digital scales and cling film used in the preparation of drugs with a view to selling it." In interview by police, former mechanic Harper said the drugs were for his own personal use and he was bailed.

When officers visited his home on July 17 they found more drugs including crack cocaine and £340. Harper, aged 22, previously admitted eight charges of possessing drugs with intent to supply and possessing a prohibited weapon.

Mr Timothy Talbot-Webb, defending, said his client had become a drug dealer as a result of falling into debts due to his own drug use. The court heard Harper had a £350-a-week cocaine habit at the time.

## Hopping with delight



Louise and Daren Bale, owners of the Hop Pole Inn in Bewdley

A FAMILY-run pub in Bewdley has cooked up a storm to win two prestigious awards.

The Hop Pole Inn, on Cleobury Road, has been named the winner of the Taste of Worcestershire award in recognition of its use and support of local produce.

Chef Darren Bale came out on top in the Outstanding Contribution to

Food category. He and his wife Louise were also commended for their customer service. The awards were part of two separate competitions co-ordinated by tourism body Visit Worcestershire and lifestyle magazine Worcestershire Life. Mr Bale said: "To win two sought-after food awards really is one of the proudest moments of my career."

## Beer in running for gong

A BEER brewed at Lye will be in the running for a national award in the new year.

Worcester Sorcerer from Sadler's Ales will be contesting the category for bottled gold beers at the Society of Independent Brewers' national beer competition in Sheffield, Yorkshire, on March 13.



ENJOY A REAL  
NEWSPAPER - ONLINE

TURN THE PAGES OF  
THE EXPRESS & STAR  
ON YOUR DESKTOP

Only £4.99 per month or £1.49 per week

Interactive features including video

Updated within minutes of publication

GO TO [WWW.EXPRESSANDSTAR.COM/DIGITAL-SUBSCRIBE](http://WWW.EXPRESSANDSTAR.COM/DIGITAL-SUBSCRIBE)

**Express & Star**



## GPs to work with crews supporting emergencies

GPs will support ambulance crews at emergency incidents across Worcestershire under new plans.

Around 30 GPs from across the county, including Wyre Forest, are going on shifts with West Midlands Ambulance Service until the spring.

Referred by the ambulance service, they will respond in their own cars to patients and provide them with urgent care that does not require a trip to A&E.

Health bosses say it will prevent patients having to go to hospital when they could be dealt with at home.

Dr Ameet Deshpande, who is joining the scheme, said: "I am an out-of-hours GP at the moment so this will be similar to what I currently do, but here I will be with West

Midlands Ambulance Service as their response, rather than as an out-of-hours GP who have their own work to do as well.

"I expect to deal with things like back pain, renal and colic cases and the elderly who have pre-existing conditions such as arthritis who need respite care, to stabilise asthmatics, or deal with social cases and mental health issues which are inappropriate to take to A&E. I hope to do a better service for them."

Jonathan Leach, medical director at NHS Worcestershire said: "The three clinical commissioning groups in Worcestershire are spending tens of thousands of pounds on this major initiative and it's brilliant."

"There are 30 GPs interested in taking part," added Mr Leach.

## Morrisons' plan delay

**DELAYS have hit plans for a proposed multi-million expansion of a Kingswinford supermarket, as access from a busy road is still being discussed.**

Morrisons wants to demolish its existing store in Stallings Lane and replace it with a 40,000 sq ft development, creating a total of 70 jobs.

Proposals were submitted to Dudley Council in May but have still to be discussed by the authority's development control committee. Officials said talks were still ongoing over the road access.

This is after concerns were raised

that the development would add to traffic congestion in the area.

The supermarket had hoped the proposals would be brought to the committee last month – but said this had not been possible.

However, they say they are working to ensure the scheme will be discussed this month.

### Delayed

Bosses admitted discussions have delayed plans slightly but said work will still begin next year if the proposals are approved.

The new supermarket would be built on disused industrial land next to the existing store. A new petrol station would also be built and the

existing car park expanded. Fears have been raised from people living and working near the site who say it will increase traffic along the already busy Stallings Lane.

Morrisons spokesman Mark Hill said: "At the moment negotiations are still taking place with Dudley Council over plans for the new development."

"This is about the road access to the site. Everyone wants to be sure that what is proposed is right for the area before it comes before the committee." However, the discussions should be completed shortly and we are hoping the plans will be before the committee at a meeting this month, he added

## Rope work has started

WORK to build the highest indoor ropes course of its kind in Europe as part of a new £1 million leisure attraction at Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre has begun.

Rope, capable of withstanding the weight of a full-grown rhino, has been shipped in from America to create the indoor feature.

The course is part of a planned leisure complex being built between Debenhams and Sainsbury's.

A team of specialist installers are working at night to ensure the course, which will top out at more than 55 feet is ready on time.

## Pupils getting into new learning centre



Oliver Lucas, front left, and Danyaal Amjad, right, with Grace Elwell, back left, Rachel Hazelwood, head of English, Becky Johnson along with Nathasha Yaqub

STUDENTS are settling in to their new independent learning centre at Pedmore Technology College and Community School.

Pupils have been flocking to spend time in the centre, which was officially opened by award-winning children's author Alan Durant.

There are computers, i-Pads and Kindles, books on MP3 players and CDs, a large whiteboard and presentation facilities and space to teach whole classes alongside more traditional reference materials, magazines, journals and books for loan.

Mr Durant was visiting as part of National Poetry Week and spent the day meeting Key Stage Three students to share his experiences and life as a writer.

He also gave a reading from his books and shared tips and advice on how to master creative writing and poetry.

David Kemp, college principal said: "Our new learning centre is part of our continuous improvement programme at Pedmore and is proving to be a runaway success."

## People's views are wanted on meetings

RESIDENTS' views are wanted on plans to overhaul public meetings that council bosses in Dudley say will give people a greater say in the way the authority is run.

Area committee meetings in Dudley will be scrapped and replaced with "community forums".

The proposals will see nine new forums set up with the aim of making it easier for people to report and discuss issues with the council. Area committee meetings are currently held in Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Stourbridge and Central and North Dudley. But council bosses say they are too formal and do not give people the chance to discuss concerns.

Members of the public can submit their views on the plans to the council.

Councillor David Sparks, leader of Dudley Council, said: "The new forums are about focussing on issues that matter to people. Every forum will be different as it needs to reflect the specific communities we are working with."

People can email their comments to Philip Tart, director of corporate resources, via email philip.tart@dudley.gov.uk

# SUMMERHILL Bathrooms

Trust the experts..

www.summerhillbathrooms.co.uk

## SALE NOW ON!

### CHOICE OF FREE DESIGNER POTTERY

For a Limited Period

With every purchase over £750 of Montrose or Utopia Fitted Furniture

### VALUED AT £320 RRP

#### 1050 COMBI UNIT

INCLUDES Furniture, semi recess basin, concealed cistern, back to wall pan and deluxe soft close seat.

WAS ~~£384~~

SALE PRICE £279

TAKE AWAY TODAY

#### CHOICE OF QUALITY MODERN SUITES

FROM

£139

Pan, cistern, pedestal, 500 basin & soft close seat.

#### P SHAPED BATH SUITE

INCLUDES P shaped bath, front panel, bath screen with safety glass, pan, cistern, basin and pedestal & soft close seat.

WAS ~~£659~~

NOW ONLY £489

TAKE AWAY TODAY

25 YEAR GUARANTEE

#### VANITY UNITS

AT SALE PRICES

Soft close doors complete with vitreous basin.

|     |      |
|-----|------|
| 400 | £99  |
| 550 | £129 |
| 650 | £139 |
| 750 | £189 |
| 850 | £229 |

TAKE AWAY TODAY

#### STERLING THERMOSTATIC VALVE

Ball, hose and head

£99

TAKE AWAY TODAY

#### SILVER 'STERLING' 800/900 QUADRANT ENCLOSURE

INCLUDES BASE & WASTE

WAS ~~£259~~

NOW ONLY £199

TAKE AWAY TODAY

15 YEAR GUARANTEE

#### 800/900 QUADRANT

800/900 offset quadrant, 6mm safety glass, easy clean surface treatment, quick release doors for cleaning, stone resin base with 48mm fast flow trap, pan, cistern, basin and pedestal & soft close seat.

WAS ~~£439~~

NOW ONLY £339

TAKE AWAY TODAY

15 YEAR GUARANTEE

### WOLVERHAMPTON

90-92 TRYSELL ROAD  
MERRY HILL  
01902 345245

OPEN 5 DAYS  
9.30-5.30 Mon-Sat  
CLOSED Wed  
AMPLE FREE PARKING

### DUDLEY

2-7 BRADLEY STREET  
PENSNETT  
01384 263626

FREE PARKING  
OPEN 7 DAYS  
9-6 Monday-Saturday  
Late 'till 8 Friday  
11-4 Sunday



# Midland UPVC



## Why have a conservatory when you can have an Orangery from £9,999

Imagine an elegant and comfortable room, a warm and bright space that is the envy of all. This is what an orangery will bring to your home. Relax in style on warm summer days and enjoy a feeling of comfort and warmth on long winter evenings.

Orangeries provide a unique multi-purpose living space for every home, from kitchen extension, living room, dining room or playroom. Our orangery uses the market leading Global roof with a well-engineered internal pel met framework, which is then plastered, giving the roof a perimeter ceiling all the way round. Within this perimeter roof you can choose to add down lighters or audio speakers, giving you the opportunity to personalise your new room.

The gutter line of the roof of the orangery is hidden from view by a decorative cornice that rises above the flat section and this cornice conceals the orangery gutter for a more attractive external appearance. A fully glazed conservatory might not be to everyone's taste, therefore the combination of traditionally built features and glazing of an orangery creates a more substantial and interesting effect.



## Buy Direct from your local manufacturer

A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS

Visit our website:

[www.midlandupvc.co.uk](http://www.midlandupvc.co.uk)

**No hidden extras very competitive price**

Take a look at our Stunning award winning A rated Windows & Doors



**OFFERS**  
(Trade also welcome)

**6 Flat Windows ANY SIZE**  
**£1550 Fitted**

Why not double glaze your mobile home/caravan.

## Fantastic new Door Range



**SPECIAL OFFER**  
PVC Door From  
**£375 Fitted**



Also Special Offers on Conservatories

ALL AREAS COVERED **01384 234170**  
After 5pm **01384 429152**

[sales@midlandupvc.co.uk](mailto:sales@midlandupvc.co.uk)  
OFFICE HOURS Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

## NEWS

# Fundraising champion is to get the royal approval

A FUNDRAISING champion who had a diabetes centre named after him at Kidderminster Hospital has been given the royal seal of approval.

Seventy-five-year-old Fred Holland, has been chosen to meet the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall at St James's Palace on November 29.

Charity WRVS named him one of its 'Diamond Champions' in recognition of his 42 years' fundraising work and his role as the chairman of Diabetes UK Midlands.

Mr Holland was one of 10 people from the Midlands to receive the honour, following more than 550 original nominations, which were then whittled down to 60.

He was presented with a specially-designed Diamond Champions pin at a ceremony in the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Birmingham and will also receive a certificate signed by the royal couple, who are joint patrons of the awards.

He said: "I just can't believe it. It was such a shock - a lovely one at that. I can't wait for the day to come."

"I felt very, very proud when they announced it. Everyone at the ceremony stood up and applauded me. It was a lovely feeling and a thoroughly enjoyable day."

The judges described him as "a gentleman and a pleasure to work alongside", adding: "He is more than a volunteer: he represents all a volunteer should be." Mr Holland, from Bewdley, has raised more than £140,000 for Diabetes Research.

## Roadworks get started

WORK to resurface dozens of roads around Wyre Forest as part of a £3.8 million improvement scheme aimed at reducing the number of potholes is getting under way.

Around 350 routes around Worcestershire have been repaired during the programme of surfacing being carried out by the county council. Workers have carried out surface dressing to cut the number of potholes that could potentially form in the future.

## Web of mystery is spun



Headkeeper of the discovery trail Jamie Wood, with the Huntsman spider CECIL the venomous Australian spider is at the centre of a web of mystery about how he ended up in a popular cafe.

The Australian Huntsman - actually a female - is now in temporary digs at Bewdley's West Midland Safari Park. Described by West Midland Safari Park wildlife director Bob Lawrence as "bigger than

the average bathtub spider" - Cecil was taken to a vet's after turning up in Hay-on-Wye last week.

Sian Ward, whose aunts own The Granary cafe in Hay on Wye, captured the spider. Mr Lawrence said: "There had been some Australian backpackers in the cafe so it may have been brought in on their luggage."

**Best of British Package Deals**

**flames**  
The Fireplace Warehouse

Opening hours:  
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm  
Sat 10am-4pm. Sun CLOSED

Unit 6A, Thornleigh Trading Estate, Farthings Lane,  
Dudley, West Midlands, DY2 8UB. A-Z Ref: 94 2C  
Telephone: 01384 235 497

of Dudley Ltd

safe REGISTERED

## JOHN T. HARRIS

### BLACKHEATH FURNITURE & BEDROOM CENTRE

Stockists of **Sherborne Upholstery**

Unbeatable prices on 3 piece suites, high seated chairs 'Lift and Rise' recliners

**Quality Reupholstery Service**

**0121 559 2402**  
1A Causeway, Blackheath  
Now open Saturday 10am-2pm, Weekdays 10am-4.30pm  
Closed all day Thursday • Private car park • Disabled access

## USE YOUR LOFT!

**Bison**  
Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. The stairs are made and fitted by our Midlands craftsmen using timber from sustainable sources. A gas strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

**£395**  
Special offer for limited time only starting from  
**£240**  
(incl VAT)  
Quote Ref 82

- Fully manufactured in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 10 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Patented gas strut operation
- Fitted in approx 2 hours

Flooring and lighting can also be provided, adding a very useful additional room to your home.

Safety hand rail Unique to Bison

Over 7,000 installations to date!

## Time for a new shed?

Sheds - Summer Houses  
Playhouses - Potting Sheds  
Workshops - Home Offices  
Bin Stores - Log Stores  
Free Delivery & Erection  
Shed Refelting Service

Custom made service available built to your size and requirements  
Payment plans available

**SHEDS & SUMMER HOUSES**

Ground Floor, Falcon House,  
High Street, Lye DY9 8LX

For further details or a free quotation call  
**07594 841785**

We now sell all fencing products at trade prices

## Any Carpet

**ANYWHERE**

**MASSIVE CARPET AND VINYL CLEARANCE**

Roll Ends Reduced To Clear!

- Free Quotes
- Free Local Delivery
- Free Measuring/Fitting Service

**129 Coombs Road, Halesowen**  
Call: 0121 561 4607

## theloftstairscompany

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 59, Atcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG  
Visit our website [www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk](http://www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk)  
**Freephone 0800 389 1281**

## Golden Cue SNOOKER CLUB

- Licensed Bar
- 16 Snooker tables available
- Membership available NOW !!

**NOW SELLING REAL CASK ALES**

Station Road, Blackheath  
**0121 561 2272**



Plus an  
**extra**  
**20% off**

**Ends**  
Monday 8pm!

# HUGE CHOICE HALF PRICE



**ONLY**  
**£299**  
After Event **£799** Was **£399**

**SAVE £500 off the Torino**, a stylish bedstead at a great price. Made from sturdy hardwood, generously padded and covered with dark brown bi-cast leather, this bed will add a designer look to your bedroom.



**TV Beds**  
from £699 to £3499



**Adjustable Beds**  
from £499 to £4799



**Kids' Beds**  
from £99 to £649



**3 FOR 2**  
ON ALL BEDROOM FURNITURE

**Bedroom Furniture**  
from £79 to £1199



**Guest & Sofa Beds**  
from £179 to £1199

**Up to 3 year's FREE CREDIT on everything**

## BRIERLY HILL

Waterfront Way  
Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LL  
01384 572568  
Next to Waterfront Hotel

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



## HARBORNE

50 High Street  
Harborne, Birmingham B17 9NE  
01214 271508  
Located by M&S and Halifax

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

## OLDBURY

Granada Trading Estate  
B69 4LH  
0121 552 0194  
By Junction 2 of M5

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



# Dreams

For a great night's sleep

**0% APR**  
REPRESENTATIVE

This advert is copyright of Dreams Plc 2012. Mattresses and bedding on bedsteads are extra. 3 for 2 bedroom furniture – cheapest item free. After event prices apply from 6th November 2012. Price quoted includes extra 20% off. Extra 20% off ends Monday 5th November 2012. Up to 3 years interest free credit representative example. Cash price £4,500 less 20% deposit of £900. Then 36 monthly payments of £100 (0% APR). Total amount of credit £3,600, total amount payable £4,500. Finance subject to status, indemnities may be required. See in-store for full details.





# Chapelhouse Autocentre



A Member of the Good Garage Scheme



**MOT & SERVICE**  
from  
**£99.99**

**MOT**  
**£29.99**

Servicing Air Conditioning Brakes Cambelts  
 Clutches Exhausts Electrics, Tyres & Batteries, Comfortable,  
 Spacious, Child Friendly Viewing Area Latest Diagnostics Hardware  
 All Make & Models Local Collection & Delivery  
 Courtesy Cars Subject to Availability 4 x 4 & Light Commercial  
 Specialists MOT's available Saturday Mornings  
 10% off for NHS employees (ask for details)

**Open Saturday 9am - 1pm**

**Forge Lane, Cradley Heath B63 2JN**  
**CALL US NOW ON 01384 566411**  
[www.chapelhouseautocentre.co.uk](http://www.chapelhouseautocentre.co.uk)

## NEWS

# School gets lifesaving equipment after death

A SCHOOL in Kidderminster, which was devastated when a visiting rugby player died after collapsing in a match there, has been presented with life-saving equipment.

Staff at Sainsbury's in Kidderminster raised the £1,700 to buy a defibrillator package for the town's Baxter College, where 15-year-old Luke Chapman collapsed after suffering a sudden irregular heart-beat.

by Louise Jew

Supermarket staff vowed they would work with the Hand on Heart charity to raise money after being upset about the tragedy.

After buying the life-saving machine for Baxter College, together with a dummy to help train people to use it, they aim to carry on to buy more defibrillators for other local schools.

Baxter College's Assistant principal Chris Mann said: "We can't know whether use of a defibrillator could have saved Luke's life.

"But, since the tragedy, we have decided to make sure all our staff and pupils are trained in CPR and we will feel happier having a defibrillator in school.

"Sainsbury's grasped the nettle to raise money for the equipment after Luke's death and we are very grate-

ful to them."

Mr Mann added: "The defibrillator is a very clever machine - and literally talks you through how to use it, starting with whether or not it should be used in each circumstance.

"Around 10 of our staff will be trained to use the defibrillator after half-term and eventually all teaching and support staff will get the training, followed by CPR training for pupils."

Luke, a student at Hagley's Haybridge High School, died from sudden adult death syndrome after developing an irregular heartbeat without warning.

The schoolboy, from Hagley, was playing for his school at Baxter College when he collapsed on March 20.

## Planting for future



Rita Mason, Gwen Morgan, Paul Abbott, Jill Nicholls, Ann Hickling, Adrian Adams and Judith Wheatley

SPRING bulbs have been planted at a Halesowen community centre to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

They will bring a splash of colour to the Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre, Andrew Road in the spring.

Members raised £100 to buy the bulbs, including crocuses and snowdrops, which have been planted on the grassed area in front of the centre.

## Office block homes plan

AN empty office block in Dudley could be transformed into homes if the plans are approved.

The former children's support complex at Hermes House, near Kates Hill, has been on the market for months.

But now plans have been tabled to renovate the building. These properties can be privately rented with several residents living under one roof with their own bedrooms.

The office building in Hall Street, would be converted into 17 bedrooms with two toilets, four bathrooms and two kitchens. A decision on the planning application is expected in the coming weeks.

**Saturday 10th November 2012**  
**10.00am - 2.00pm**

Over 30 A and AS levels on offer. Inspiring teaching. A caring and supportive environment. Fantastic, modern facilities.

Open Day

Reason can answer questions but imagination has to ask them.

Ralph Gerard  
 1900-1974

Provoking Thought

Dudley Sixth, Ednam Road, Dudley,  
 West Midlands DY1 4BR  
 Email: [info@dudleysixth.co.uk](mailto:info@dudleysixth.co.uk)  
 Freephone: 0800 783 6095  
 Visit our website: [www.dudleysixth.co.uk](http://www.dudleysixth.co.uk)



**Dudley Sixth**  
 for A levels

## HomeSelections



**SALE NOW ON**  
 FITTED KITCHENS AND FURNITURE  
**UP TO 20% OFF**  
 BEDS AND MATTRESSES  
**UP TO 50% OFF**

0121 55 77 222

[www.homeselections.co.uk](http://www.homeselections.co.uk)

Email: [homeselections@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:homeselections@hotmail.co.uk)

Britannia Street, Tivdiale, Oldbury B69 2PG

**IT'S FREE, IT'S EASY.**  
 ITEMS UP TO £250

**BOOK ONLINE**  
 Click

**FREE ADVERTS**



[www.expressandstar.com/bookanad](http://www.expressandstar.com/bookanad)

Important

Private advertisers only, no guns, pets, or livestock. Free adverts are published within 7 days of receipt, in paper and online and are limited to 3 lines maximum.

**Short breaks, holidays and long haul adventures to destinations near and far**

...by coach, rail, Eurostar, self-drive and air



**star extra TRAVEL**

See us online at: [www.expressandstar.com/starextratravel](http://www.expressandstar.com/starextratravel)

Brought to you by the **Express & Star**



Advertisement Feature

# Olympic Achievement for Halesowen Company

**With a client list that includes Harrods, Bentley and Wembley Stadium, Shaw Stone Surfaces Ltd is being recognised in high places – and the firm's latest commission was no exception.**

Brothers Gavin and Gareth Shaw, experienced stonemasons who founded the Halesowen business three years ago, were instructed to manufacture the quartz vanity tops for each of the 133 bathrooms of the new Holiday Inn Hotel at the Olympic Park in Stratford, London. The Hotel was purpose built for the London 2012 Olympic Games and accommodated Olympic officials, athletes as well as spectators.

Shaw Stone Surfaces, which specialises in the design, production and installation of granite work surfaces, was asked to supply and install a quartz vanity top and backsplash in each of the new hotels bathrooms. Shaw Stone Surfaces Managing Director Gavin Shaw said that they had been approached to get involved with the Olympic Hotel after being involved in similar sized projects previously.



## Fantastic

"London 2012 will go down as being one of our countries greatest ever sporting occasions. To think that we were part of this great occasion in some small way and that the officials and some athletes prepared themselves at the vanity tops we manufactured is absolutely fantastic."

However, you don't have to be an Olympic gold medallist to take advantage of the quality products

supplied by Shaw Stone Surfaces, which fits granite, quartz and marble to kitchens and bathrooms in private homes as well as for independent kitchen specialists, leading retail chains, and the UK's largest home builders and architects.

Blending the vision of design with their stonemasonry skills and the latest advancements in technology, Shaw Stone Surfaces has built its success on supplying quality products and excellent customer service. – visit their factory showroom to find out for yourself.

## SHAW STONE SURFACES LTD



- Granite, Quartz and Corian Kitchen Worktops.
- Template and Installation Service
- Worktop Replacement Service
- 15 Year stain proof granite warranty and 10 year Silestone warranty
- Bespoke vanities for bathrooms.
- Hearths and Fireplaces made to measure.



## SHAW STONE SURFACES LTD

Unit 11, Mucklow Hill Trading Estate 1 • Mucklow Hill • Halesowen • West Midlands B62 8DF  
Tel: 0121 503 0817 • email: [sales@shawstonesurfaces.co.uk](mailto:sales@shawstonesurfaces.co.uk) • [www.shawstonesurfaces.co.uk](http://www.shawstonesurfaces.co.uk)



**ONLY AT TRADE FURNITURE!**  
**SELECTION OF CLEARANCE SUITES TO GO**  
**£150 - £200 - WHEN THEY'VE GONE THEY'VE GONE!**  
**VERY LIMITED OFFER - DO NOT DELAY - ORDER TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

An Extra £100.00 off suites this week  
 Hurry offer must end soon

Traditional Suites from £599

**£299 - Limited offer**

Leather Corner  
 Red/Black or Ivory  
 all at  
**£399**

**LOOK! LOOK! LOOK LOOK! LOOK!**



**Recliner Suite - Settee and 2 chairs for only £699!**

**LAST ORDERS PLEASE!!!**

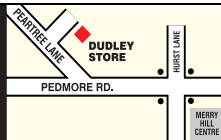
**LOOK! LOOK! LOOK LOOK! LOOK!**

TRADE FURNITURE, UNIT 12 PEARTREE LANE, DUDLEY DY2 0QU

**01384 484077**

TRADE FURNITURE OFFICIAL FACTORY SHOP

Open 6 days a week 10-4pm - Established over 25 years



## COMPETITION

# Beauty of a show for fans of fashion

CLOTHES Show Live is the UK's largest and most talked-about fashion and beauty event. This year, it is preparing to stage the most fashionable, inspirational and interactive show in its 24-year history.

And the Chronicle series has teamed up with organisers to give 40 readers the chance to win a pair of show tickets for Monday, December 10. At the heart of British fashion, Clothes Show Live 2012, in association with Suzuki, will take place from December 7-11 at Birmingham's NEC celebrating fashion at its finest.

The event will feature catwalk shows, designer guests, celebrities, makeovers, champagne bars, hundreds of fashion and beauty brands to shop from as well as the spectacular 5,500-seat Fashion Theatre showcasing the best of British design. Fronting this year's show is British model Daisy Lowe, star of campaigns for the likes of Chanel, Vivienne Westwood and Topshop.

This year the daily fashion shows in the Suzuki Fashion Theatre are being presented by stylist to the stars Grace Woodward and Brit fashion designer of the moment, Henry Holland.

### Students

Also new this year is the incorporation of Britain and Ireland's Next Top Model Live in the Style Boutique, featuring even more fashion, catwalk shows, Model Master Class sessions and celebrity appearances - the ultimate girls' day out.

DJ and model Zara Martin has been announced as the host of the Diet Coke Image Catwalk showcasing High Street collections, final-year collections from fashion students and pieces from designers of the future.

The Style Studio will host talks by some of the country's leading stylists, workshops and career seminars on all things fashion related. Hundreds of fashion and beauty brands will be setting up pop-up shops in halls within the show.

Tickets are available now from [www.clotheshowlive.com](http://www.clotheshowlive.com)

**CLOTHES SHOW LIVE**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH SUZUKI  
 7-11 DECEMBER 2012  
 NEC BIRMINGHAM

### HOW TO ENTER

To be in with a chance of winning, answer this question:

**Who will host the Diet Coke Image Catwalk?**

Send your answer on a postcard with your name, address and contact number to Clothes Show Competition, Chronicle series (editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date: Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.



Fronting the show is British model Daisy Lowe



**For an experience like no other, come taste the authentic Flavourz of India China Mexico Italy**

**Flavourz Restaurant & Bar**

**EAT** **DRINK** **RELAX**

**FREE RE-FILLS**

**AUTHENTIC WORLD CUISINE**

**CHILDREN UNDER 4 YEARS EAT FREE**

**Buffet Lunch**  
 Monday - Saturday  
 12:00 pm - 03:00 pm

**Buffet Dinner**  
 Monday - Saturday  
 05:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**Sunday Buffet**  
 Sunday  
 12:00 pm - 09:00 pm

**BOOK NOW FOR CHRISTMAS - OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY**

**www.flavourz.co.uk**  
 Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, West Midlands B68 8LQ  
 Telephone: **0121 552 0041**



The Great

All Weather Outdoor  
 Attraction!

**Llangollen Wharf** Est 1884

### Horsedrawn Boat Trips

Enjoy the peace and tranquility of a horsedrawn boat trip on the upper reaches of the Llangollen Canal, pulled by one of our gorgeous heavy horses. Boats are covered for all weather trips.

### Aqueduct Cruises

A 2-hour cruise on our fully weather-proofed, centrally heated boat over the mighty Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, a World Heritage Site. Full commentary with bar and snacks available.

### Wharf Tea Rooms

Enjoy our home cooked food whilst watching the boats go by or on the terrace overlooking Llangollen. Famous for our home made cakes. Children welcome.

### Hire a self drive narrowboat for a day

On the beautiful Llangollen Canal. The boats have seating for up to ten people and are equipped with central heating, hob, fridge and flushing toilet.



Tog Welsh Cob

**Tel: 01978 860702**

**[www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk](http://www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk)**

**Reserved**

For Your Advertisement Only In... **the Ticket** Every Friday

For the best bookings call one of our helpful advisors on **01902 319898**



## NEWS

# Appeal to lower speed on roads

AN "inappropriate" speed limit along some of a Dudley town's oldest streets could be cut following calls from residents.

People living in Stourbridge's Old Quarter want the existing 30mph limit to be reduced to 20mph.

Officials from Dudley Council have agreed to look into the issue after hearing of the concerns.

Residents say the roads are not suited to the amount of traffic and there is even less space to manoeuvre due to on-street parking. They have been supported by councillors, who say the speed limit is too fast.

Councillor Judy Foster, said: "The council will be considering the installation of a number of 20mph zones outside schools. This may not be appropriate or easily enforceable in other areas. However, we will have a look at the issues raised about Stourbridge Old Quarter. We will see if there is any work that can be done."

## Ernie's in the beak of condition once again



Ernie with senior zoo keeper Laura Robbins after his trip to the animal hospital where he had his beak trimmed. ERNIE the African tortoise at Dudley Zoo can happily munch away on his favourite food again after having his beak trimmed.

Keepers noticed the tortoise's bite was not quite meeting properly in the middle and, although it was not causing him any distress, the zoo vet decided to trim it back quickly and easily.

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "The vet used a mini orthopaedic grinder to trim Ernie's beak, a piece of equipment used to treat claw, bone, hoof and horn on other animals."

"It took about 20 minutes in the zoo's animal hospital. Ernie didn't seem at all bothered and was soon back in the paddock munching on his favourite dandelions."

## Mental health is to be focus of public forum

MENTAL health services in Dudley will be the focus of the latest forum where members of the public are invited to air their views.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group is staging the event on November 6 at Saltwells Education Centre in Netherton at 4.30pm.

Information will be available about areas of mental health services including dementia care, therapy and children's services.

Helen Ashford, of NHS Dudley, said: "Dudley CCG is taking over from NHS Dudley and is responsible for buying your healthcare locally."

"They value the input we gain from the people who attend the healthcare forum which is now clinically led, and want to know what you think they should be concentrating on in terms of priorities in healthcare in the future." To book a place call 01384 321719.



## Make the most of your home with no hassle, no worry home improvements

If you are a homeowner aged 55 plus and are struggling to improve or repair your home, our new home improvement service could be the answer.

**We offer a free support package - all work and arrangements managed by the council, for you**

We also offer independent financial advice and can help with arranging funding for your home improvements. Our service makes it simple to unlock the value tied up in your property and update it using one of our specialist loans tailored to meet the needs of older people.

### DUDLEY HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICE

guarantees a safe, easy way to get home improvements done affordably, professionally and with no worry or fuss.

**For more details call us on 01384 815117**



**DUDLEY HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICE**

## OCCASIONAL CAKES

TELEPHONE  
01384 402204



## BESPOKE CAKES BY QUALIFIED CAKE MAKERS

- EGGLESS AND GLUTEN FREE CAKES AVAILABLE
- NO ANIMAL FATS USED IN ANY PRODUCT
- FULL SUGARCRAFT SHOP WITH EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME DECORATOR



14 Hagley Road, Halesowen (town centre)  
0121 550 9800  
**DOMESTICS of Halesowen**  
Why buy secondhand or pay large repair costs when you can buy new at realistic prices

## SALES • SPARES • REPAIRS



Fridge Freezers  
From £149



Washing Machines  
From £119



Dishwashers  
From £199  
(For Illustration Purposes Only)

- Larders From £89
- Freezers From £99
- Large Selection of Vacuums From £39
- Cookers From £139
- Dryers From £99
- Spinners From £99

Open Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4.30 pm. Friday - Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

**We also repair • Washers • Cookers • Refrigeration**  
All Items Carry A 12 Month Full Guarantee  
Plus More Electrical Goods In Stock



# Dancers

*Hire a suit from Dancers  
Variety of sizes and  
colours available*

- Bow Ties
- Cummerbunds
- Cuff Links
- Shirts
- Black Patent Dress Shoes



# Dancers

PECKINGHAM STREET  
HALESOWEN  
B63 3AR  
Phone: 0121 550 1237

www.dancersuithire.co.uk  
Open Monday - Saturday 9-5.30pm

## CLUB NEWS

### Stunned by magic of guest

#### KINGSWINFORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

CHAIRMAN Audrey Phipps welcomed all the ladies, and Dr Bob King to the October meeting. Yvonne Brookes is recovering and is back home.

Audrey thanked the members for supporting last month's auction, also the committee for preparing the harvest supper. Places are available for the December lunch at Val Thacker's.

A cheque for £80 has been dispatched to the White House, Dudley, one of the group's chosen charities. Tickets for the Christmas Party on December 20 will be on sale next month.

Kathleen Turner has prepared, with the assistance of Yvonne Bayton, an impressive programme of speakers for next year.

Dr Bob King provided entertainment with his cabaret magic. The audience participated in the "mind reading" acts involving the cards and they tried, but failed, to master the Chinese rings.

The ladies were astonished by the act of levitation involving one of the members and the final acts of illusion, when water was turned to wine and a rabbit was produced out of a hat.

Ann Cooper gave a vote of thanks. Sheila Evans, Barbara Moss and Olive Pigott won the raffle.

At the meeting on November 1 at The British Legion, Val Austwick was introducing the ladies to rug making.

## Guild sets out stall at craft exhibition



Stallminders Margaret Worrall and Val Chalker at the Federation art & craft exhibition

FORMAL matters were quickly dealt with at the October 18 meeting, TG diaries were distributed and names of those wishing to attend the Christmas lunch on December 6 at Fairlawns Hotel, Aldridge, were taken.

Keith Cattell gave an interesting and informative talk and slideshow on '1,000 Years of Stained Glass'. The competition for an interesting piece of coloured glass was won by Glenys Marsden and Margaret Tolley, and the raffle was won by Val Walker.

The Federation arts & craft exhibition at

#### PELSALL 'E' TG

Aldridge Community Centre was well attended. Pelsall's display included such items as a hand-knitted laptop cover, complete with stuffed mouse, knitted dolls and Christmas trees made from old magazines.

Next month's meeting will take the form of a mock auction with members bringing unwanted items to be sold off for charity. A short talk will be given by Sarah Heath of the Re-Assurance Team on Walsall Council.

## Mystery 'wonder' revealed

#### WALL HEATH LADIES PROBUS CLUB

attention was held by the 17th century story.

Mr Richardson, an excellent speaker has a keen interest in historical happenings.

The speaker on Tuesday

November 20, will also have a story to tell, and on December 18, the club is being entertained by St Andrews Church Choir, Sedgley.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 12.30pm for lunch. The club would love to hear from anyone with time to spare on a Tuesday. Call 01902 883315.

**HEDNESFORD HILLS Raceway**  
**INCARACE**  
**FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**  
**National HOT ROD Racing**  
WORLD QUALIFYING ROUND 7  
also featuring **MINISTOX JACK CARDNO BANGER RACING**  
MAN OF THE MIDLANDS CHAMPS FINAL  
Plus **THE EXPLOSIVE CARAVAN COMPETITION**  
BANGERS TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST  
SCREAMERS & STARS  
FIREWORK DISPLAY 7.15PM  
130PM  
SUN 4TH NOVEMBER  
SIGNPOSTED M6 JUNCTION 11  
3 MILES FROM CANNOCK  
www.incarace.co.uk  
£13 ADULTS - £10 OAP's - £6 CHILD - £35 FAMILY  
ADMISSION AFTER 6PM  
£6 ADULTS - £3 CHILD



star★extraTRAVEL

## LONDON THEATRE

Choose your show, price band\* and how you want to travel

### Coach inclusive breaks

Selected weekend departures

FROM £129.95 (Saturday Night) FROM £139.95 (Dine and Dance)

Take in a top West End show and have some free time in London for shopping and sightseeing. For the Dine and Dance option see the matinee performance before heading back to the hotel for dinner and disco (conditions apply). For the Saturday Night option you will see the evening performance. For both breaks the price includes a theatre ticket, overnight stay in a four-star outer London hotel, with full English breakfast (plus dinner for Dine and Dance options). Pick ups offered are Dudley, Shrewsbury, Telford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

### Rail inclusive breaks

Departures most weekends

FROM £139.95

Catch the Theatre Express and enjoy a super two-day weekend break in the capital. There's a choice of London hotels and your ticket is for a Saturday evening performance. Rail travel is standard class with the option to upgrade. Depart Saturday morning/early afternoon from Birmingham New Street, Shrewsbury, Stafford or Wolverhampton, returning on the Sunday afternoon/early evening to give plenty of free time for shopping and sightseeing. Stay the Friday evening too for an additional cost.

### Self-drive breaks

Departures most weekends

FROM £99.95 (Friday Night) FROM £109.95 (Saturday Night)

The self-drive break is for one evening staying either on the Friday night or Saturday night in a four-star hotel. You will see the evening performance: for Friday night you will have a top price ticket and for Saturday evening there is a choice of price bands. Stay extra nights for a reasonable supplement (subject to availability).

\*the "from" price and price bands vary for each show - see brochure for details. Single room supplements apply.

Arranged by Omega Holidays (ABTA V4782)

For a theatre brochure call (01902) 319999 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm), email [starextra@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:starextra@expressandstar.co.uk) (include your name and address) or go to [expressandstar.com/starextratravel](http://expressandstar.com/starextratravel)  
Please read brochure/web page for full information plus terms and conditions.



## NEWS

## Pupils back after work

RECEPTION pupils were finally starting lessons at a school after asbestos was found there.

Ceilings were being refurbished at Cotwall End Primary, Sedgley, as the potentially harmful material was found, delaying work.

Fifty children, aged four and five, should have started on September 4 but were instead accommodated at The Straits Primary.

The rest of the school has opened as usual since the start of the school year.

Nicole Anderton, Cotwall End Primary head, said: "We are really pleased."

# £2.3m sports shake-up is planned for academy

**A £2.3 million sports hall and outdoor all-weather pitch will be built at a Dudley academy under plans to boost ailing facilities.**

Staff say the sports hall and changing rooms at Holly Hall Academy are among the worst in the borough. The roof leaked creating about £30,000 of running repairs.

Part of the floor started to collapse,

prompting head Graham Lloyd to call for new facilities. Staff also say that a Redgra outdoor pitch at the Scotts Green Close school, is "unusable" and needs replacing.

Plans are dependent on Holly Hall getting a share of a £276 million capital funding pot from the Government and planning permission is needed to boost chances of the funding bid being accepted. Mr Lloyd said: "Our children deserve the best sports facilities but at the moment they are below par."

Plans recommended for approval at a council planning meeting include an astroturf pitch over the Redgra surface along with six floodlights and a new sports hall being built on grassed land on the site.

Sports England officials raised concerns about proposals to build on existing sports fields. The organisation's planning manager John Berry said that the development should not be to the detriment of the existing sports fields and running track.

# Woman caught trying to cash false £1,700 cheque

A WOMAN was foiled in her attempt to pocket more than £1,700 by cashing a false cheque at Black Country store after staff became suspicious.

Natalie Stacey, aged 28, tried to cash the cheque, payable in her name, at the Money Store in Dudley's Merry Hill Shopping Centre on October 11.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard the cheque belonged to Bolton firm Silver Glide and had aroused the suspicions of staff.

They contacted the firm who confirmed they had no knowledge of Stacey, of North Street, Dudley, and had never employed her.

Police were called to the store but Stacey

had left before they arrived – only to return a short time later. She was arrested and admitted what she had done.

Magistrates were told she had also had a false gas bill to use as ID when cashing the £1,723 cheque, which had her name on but the wrong address.

They heard she had been approached by a "friend" who had provided the cheque and gas bill.

Stacey had agreed to go ahead with it as she was short of cash.

She pleaded guilty to attempting to commit fraud by false representation.

Stacey was sentenced to an eight-week community order and given a two month curfew from 8pm to 8am.

Weekly  
Collection



## Save food, save money, save the environment

### Using the food waste service can help you shop smarter!



[www.sandwell.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/foodwaste)

**Sandwell**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

**serco**

## formula one autocentres

**FAMILY OWNED**  
PROVIDING VALUE, CARE & SERVICE  
LOCALLY FOR OVER 40 YEARS

**TRUE  
VALUE**

| TYRES <sup>135/80R13</sup> £25           |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| FULLY FITTED FROM ONLY                   |      |
| ALL LEADING BRAND & BUDGET TYRES STOCKED |      |
| 155/80R13 Budget 79T                     | £29  |
| 175/65R14 Firestone Multihawk 82T        | £50  |
| 195/65R15 Firestone T2300 91H            | £57  |
| 205/55R16 BF Goodrich 91V                | £69  |
| 205/55R16 Bridgestone T001 91V           | £74  |
| 225/45R17 Marshal KH35 94W XL            | £75  |
| 225/40R18 BF Goodrich 92Y XL             | £101 |

**MOTs**  
**ONLY £30**  
OR £25  
WHEN TAKEN WITH A MASTER SERVICE

| SERVICING FROM ONLY £59 |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Up to:                  | 1000cc 1300cc 1600cc 2000cc 2500cc |
| Short Service           | £59 £69 £79 £89 £99                |
| Master Service          | £99 £109 £119 £129 £139            |

**SERVICE  
YOU CAN TRUST**

ALL F1 TECHNICIANS ARE FULLY  
TRAINED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

THE PRICE WE QUOTE IS THE PRICE  
YOU PAY - NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

WE WON'T CARRY OUT ANY EXTRA  
WORK WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL

**FACT:**

✓ We fit over ½ million tyres per year

✓ F1 carries out over 100,000 MOTs each year

✓ We service over ¼ million vehicles per year

**CALL NOW!**

**BLACKHEATH SYDNEY HOUSE, LONG LANE, B62 9JZ 0121 559 8766**

OPEN: MON-FRI 8.30-6.00 SAT 8.30-5.00 SUN 10.00-4.00

All advertised prices include VAT & apply to retail customers only. Fully fitted tyre price includes valve, balance & tyre disposal. All offers subject to availability. These offers cannot be taken in conjunction with any other offers.

• EXHAUSTS

• BATTERIES

• BRAKES

• SHOCKS

• CLUTCHES

• AIR CON

• 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT

• [www.f1autocentres.com](http://www.f1autocentres.com)



# Katrina & Sue



## Look Good Feel Great

### Hair Specials

T-Section Foils £40 (up to 12 foils includes cut & finish)  
Hair-Ups £12.50 • Perms £35 includes Cut & Finish

### Gents

Gents Hair Cuts with Maz £6.50

### £10 Specials

Choose from: \* Mini Facial \* Back Massage  
\* Pedicure \* Manicure \* Hopi Ear Candles

### Beauty Room Specials

Single Session Non-Surgical Liposuction £20  
Shellac Nails £15 Minx Nails £15  
*All to help you to get ready for the party season*

## Christmas Shopping Sorted

### Gift Vouchers

£40 Gift Vouchers for £30

£20 Gift Vouchers for £15

Valid in Beauty Room until end of January 2013

354 Hagley Road, Halesowen B63 4JT  
Next to Hasbury Chippy

Opening Times:  
Monday Closed Tue, Wed, Thur 9am - 7pm  
Friday 9am - 5pm Saturday 9am - 4pm

To find out more call **0121 602 0007** or visit our website **www.katrina-sue.co.uk**

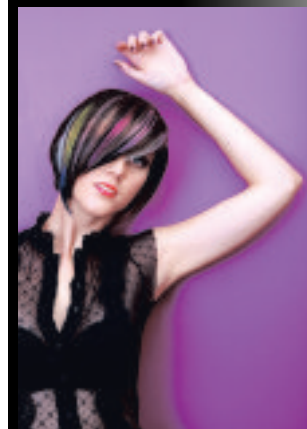
LOOK  
GOOD  
FEEL  
GREAT

LOOK

GOOD

FEEL

GREAT



# STOP PAIN...

..With our specialist  
in Acupuncture,  
Acupressure,  
Cupping & Ear  
Candle



We can help if you

- Suffering with pains in neck, shoulder, elbow, lower back & knee
- Suffer with pain or arthritis, trapped nervous, soft tissue injury & sciatica
- Suffer with pain from swollen joints after operations such as hip replacement and knee replacement
- Suffer with overweight

We can also help

- Infertile couples to get pregnant with a high success rate through acupuncture and herbs
- Infertile couples improving egg quality and sperm count prior to IVF treatment

*Or any symptoms you are not sure of, visit us for a confidential consultation or telephone for an appointment*

UK Registered  
20 Years  
Experience

Open 10.30 - 5.30  
Monday - Saturday

10B Peckingham Street,  
Halesowen  
**0121 585 9393**





## WORKOUTZ

### HEALTH & FITNESS

# ONLY £25!!

SIX WEEKS FULL MEMBERSHIP  
UP FOR GRABS\*

\*Terms & Conditions Apply  
See website for full details [www.work-outz.co.uk](http://www.work-outz.co.uk) or like us on: 

UNIT 1 BOROUGH COURT  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL LANE, HALESOWEN. B63 3SW

**0121 550 0440**  
[www.work-outz.co.uk](http://www.work-outz.co.uk)

TOP FLOOR IS LADIES ONLY



Presents a  
**50s-60s  
Rock & Roll  
Night**  
at the  
**British Legion  
Ruiton Street, Five Ways  
Lower Gornal**  
Large parking facilities  
Thursday 13th December  
Doors open 7.30 pm  
Tickets £3.50

Featuring 'High Mileage' 60's Band  
and 'High Maintenance' by Tracey - Table Beautician  
And, please sponsor 'High Kicks' from Emily - Gymnast  
The tickets will be available from:  
A.R.C. - A.I.D. 7 New Street  
Dudley and Foot Master, 58 Tower Street, Dudley  
01384 457879/07790 583992



## walking on air Ltd

### PREMIER SPECIALIST FOOT CARE CLINIC

Treat your feet to an A1 Service provided by a dedicated, caring and qualified specialist, with 15 years experience

**Vouchers available for Christmas**

**£5 off 1st visit**

- Corn and callous removal
- Fungal nails
- Thickened nails
- Ingrown nails
- Foot pain
- Foot odour
- Athlete's foot
- Orthotics advice and prescription
- Diabetic foot care

**Coming Soon Nail Re-Construction**

*Feet are soaked at the beginning of all treatments and massaged at the end*  
**Telephone 0121 561 5847**  
3 Parade Buildings, Nimmings Road, Halesowen  
Open Mon-Thurs Mon & Tue open 10 am-9 pm



## REVIEWS

## Spotlight shines bright on X Factor Nikki

**Blood Brothers, Hippodrome, Birmingham**

THIS gritty production about a pair of estranged twins has both comical and dark elements that wonderfully complement each other from start to end. The well-selected cast brings the tale to life but it is fair to say the spotlight shone brightest on Tamworth's Nikki Evans of X Factor fame who filled the

role of Mrs Johnstone exceptionally well and her voice carried superbly.

Set in Liverpool, the plot focuses on two brothers separated at birth that end up on the opposite side of the tracks, one a middle class school boy, the other a working class miscreant. Their chance encounter and love of local girl Linda (Olivia Sloyan) drives them both to madness and ruin.

The role of Wet Wet Wet's Marti Pellow, as the harbinger of doom suits him to a Tee. His voice has lost none of its magic, but at times lacked clarity possibly due to the Scouse accent. Brothers Eddie (Jordan Bird) and Mickey (Sean Jones) each go their separate ways but never truly stray from the friendship they share.

Tom Mason

## Versatile Lakeman heads queue for musical talent

**Seth Lakeman, Town Hall, Birmingham**

WHEN they handed out musical talent not only was Seth Lakeman at the front of the queue but he also went back for seconds.

He came on to the thumping beat of More than Money then linked straight into Blacksmith's Prayer using the bouzouki, picking up the tempo with his distinctive voice coming clear over the instruments.

All-rounder Lakeman was joined by guest singer Lisbee Stainton for the ballad The Sender from his Barrel House album.

With a change of instrument, one of at least 10 throughout the concert, Lakeman pulled out Solomon Browne. Showing even more versa-

tility for Apple of his Eye, a song about cider making, he took to his fiddle and played pizzicato.

There was another change of instrument for the ballad White Hare which really showed the depth and clarity of his voice and the group moved to Blood Red Sky which had a Latin undertone.

He moved back to the fiddle for The Hurlers and made another change for the Take No Rogues, which featured a banging solo from the double bass.

Lakeman did his signature fiddle solo to end the set with his machine gun movements building up to a Vivaldi Four Seasons-style crescendo.

Danny Farragher



Seth Lakeman - musical talents

## Joan shows some emotion on home soil

**Joan Armatrading Symphony Hall, Birmingham**

IT WAS an understated entrance for Joan Armatrading - on her home turf - singing Down To Zero as her opener with her distinctive voice filling the Symphony Hall even before she could be seen.

She played both acoustic and electric guitar with consummate ease and can also hammer out rifts like a seasoned

rock star. She also funkyed it up with Show Some Emotion which moved smoothly into Single Life.

Joan used her wonderfully deep voice for another popular hit All The Way From America.

The hall lapped up everything the Emmy Award winner threw at them and even though it's now more than 30 years old she couldn't really get away without playing her biggest success

Love and Affection. She brought a mellow sound in the title track of her new album Starlight and showed real emotion in the haunting ballad The Weakness In Me.

It took Me Myself and I to get the crowd dancing in the aisles and she gave them what they wanted, finishing with Drop The Pilot and the last track on her new album, Summer Kisses.

Danny Farragher

**LG Arena**  
It's all happening the nia birmingham

|                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MASTRO MUSIC INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS</b><br>24 & 25 NOV<br><b>THE NIA</b><br>THE 2012 BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO | <b>METROPOLIS MUSIC PRESENTS</b><br>28 NOV<br><b>THE NIA</b><br>elbow                                          | <b>KILMANJARO PRESENTS</b><br>29 NOV<br><b>THE NIA</b><br>It's all happening the nia                 |
| <b>KILMANJARO PRESENTS</b><br>5 DEC<br><b>THE NIA</b><br>NITRO CIRCUS LIVE                                              | <b>MARSHALL ARTS, SUN CONCERTS &amp; KENEDY STREET PRESENTS</b><br>6 DEC<br><b>THE NIA</b><br>PETER ANDRE      | <b>METROPOLIS MUSIC PRESENTS</b><br>9 DEC<br><b>THE NIA</b><br>THE BLACK KEYS                        |
| <b>SUN CONCERTS PRESENTS</b><br>13 DEC<br><b>LG ARENA</b><br>MADNESS                                                    | <b>LG ARENA</b><br>15 DEC<br>Eminem LIVE                                                                       | <b>ANDRE RIEU PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS</b><br>18 - 20 DEC<br><b>LG ARENA</b><br>ANDRE RIEU               |
| <b>KILMANJARO PRESENTS</b><br>24 JAN 2013<br><b>LG ARENA</b><br>Donny's Marie Osmond LIVE                               | <b>SUN CONCERTS PRESENTS</b><br>28 FEB 2013<br><b>LG ARENA</b><br>example                                      | <b>KENEDY STREET &amp; S.A. PRESENTS</b><br>24 MAY 2013<br><b>LG ARENA</b><br>MARK KNOPFLER AND BAND |
| <b>METROPOLIS MUSIC PRESENTS</b><br>22 JUNE 2013<br><b>LG ARENA</b><br>THE BOOTLEG BEATLES                              | <b>CLARION EVENTS PRESENTS</b><br>16 DEC<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>THE NATIONAL FINE ART & ANTIQUES FAIR            | <b>CLARION EVENTS PRESENTS</b><br>16 - 18 NOV<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>Classic Motor Show                |
| <b>ORCHARD EVENTS LTD PRESENTS</b><br>22 - 25 NOV<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>THE FESTIVE GIFT FAIR                            | <b>THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE C.A.F. PRESENTS</b><br>24 NOV<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>SUPREME CAT SHOW            | <b>WARLEY SMC EXHIBITIONS LTD</b><br>24 & 25 NOV<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>WARLEY NATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY  |
| <b>MCI EXHIBITIONS LTD PRESENTS</b><br>24 NOV - 2 DEC<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>Motorcycle Live 2012                         | <b>BBC HAYMARKET EXHIBITIONS LTD PRESENTS</b><br>28 NOV - 2 DEC<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW WINTER | <b>HAYMARKET EXHIBITIONS PRESENTS</b><br>7 - 11 DEC<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>CLOTHES IN SHOW BY          |
| <b>EC EVENTS PRESENTS</b><br>19 - 24 FEB 2013<br><b>THE NEC</b><br>The Spring CARAVAN & CAMPING SHOW                    |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                      |

lgarena.co.uk thenia.co.uk 0844 338 8000 FOLLOW US f t

**BOSCH SPECIALIST WORCESTER BOSCH SPECIALIST**

**Gastek Solutions**

**SPREAD THE COST**  
Finance now available  
Terms & conditions apply

**WORCESTER accredited installer**

- Boiler Services
- Landlord Checks
- Full Central Heating Systems
- Boiler Swaps and Conversions
- Bathroom Installations
- Power Flushing
- Air Conditioning
- Air to Air Heat
- Gas Appliance Installations
- All Domestic Plumbing Work

**All work is carried out by fully qualified engineers**

**SPECIAL OFFERS**  
Gastek solutions one off boiler and central heating repair service includes:

|                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FREE Boiler Service with every Power Flush</b><br><b>FROM £250</b> | <b>Cooker Service £45</b><br><b>Fire Service £45</b><br><b>Book both and save £10</b> | <b>Boiler Service £45</b><br><b>Power Flush from £250</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

**GET READY FOR WINTER**  
FREE Magna Filter with all Heating Systems!

**We are the largest installers of Worcester Bosch Boilers in the area**  
**Platinum accredited installers**

**7 Rad central heating system with A rated Combi Boiler**  
Supply and fit **£2400.00**

Free time scale filter with every boiler installed  
Insurance packages now available, please call for more info  
7 year warranty with Worcester boilers

**Office Open 8am-6pm Monday-Friday 8am-4pm Saturday**  
**Tel: 01384 560856 • 07737 261976**

**www.gasteksolutions.co.uk**  
ALL MAJOR CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED

**WORCESTER**  
Bosch Group Accredited Installer

**DOMESTIC INSTALLER**

**safe**

**BOSCH SPECIALIST WORCESTER BOSCH SPECIALIST**

**Vitra TROJAN** **WISTOCK** **twistock** **AQUALISA**

**The Bathroom shop**  
52 LYDE GREEN, HALESOWEN, WEST MIDLANDS B63 2PG  
**01384 634856 or 07533 978667**  
**www.thebathroomshopcradley.co.uk**

**WE NOW FIT KITCHENS**  
Call for details

**QUALITY LOW COST BATHROOMS**  
"Trade Prices to the Public"

Whatever your needs, design, supply only or full installation service  
**We're here to help - give us a call!**

**Bar Mixer Showers**  
from **£60**

**Round and Square Twin Showers**  
from **£200**

**P-Shape Bathroom Suite inc Sanitary and Taps**  
from **£600**

**L-Shape Suite inc Sanitary and Taps**  
from **£750**

**WE SUPPLY AND FIT NEW BOILERS FROM £800**

**THE CHEAPEST SUPPLY AND FIT IN THE MIDLANDS!**

**WALK IN SHOWERS, SUPPLIED AND FITTED FROM JUST £850**



# What's On! Halesowen

## Switching heavy metal to comedy

FORMER heavy metal drummer turned comedian Stephen Hughes has embarked on his second UK tour.

He will be performing at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday (November 3) and the following night at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall. A date at the Glee Club in Birmingham follows on November 25.

Hughes, who was with the band Mortal Sin, has appeared on Live At The Apollo, One Night Stand, Stand Up Of The Week and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.

## Celebrating the music of movies

A SERIES of matinee shows at Dudley Town Hall continues with a celebration of blockbuster movies and musicals.

Timeless Theatre: Rolling Back the Years takes place on November 5 at 2pm.

Tickets cost £11 from the box office on 01384 812812 or visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment).

## Comedy at pub

COMEDY act The Black Country Boys will be playing on November 3 at the Knights Quest pub, Blackheath High Street.

Entrance is £4 on the night. There will also be three consecutive karaoke nights between Sunday and Tuesday this week. For details call 0121 561 5599.

# Son of rock and pop legend joins tribute to late father

**ROLAN Bolan, the son of T.Rex star Marc Bolan and soul singer Gloria Jones, will be joining the top tribute act to his father, T.Rextasy, in concert at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Saturday night.**

Bolan junior was brought up in Los Angeles and the concert, celebrating Marc Bolan's 65th birthday, marks a rare UK appearance by the 37-year-old singer and songwriter. His glam rock star father was killed in a car accident in September 1977, aged 29.

## EastEnders star is now a merry wife of Windsor

SOAP legend Anita Dobson, still most famous as 1980s icon Angie Watts, the wronged wife of Dirty Den in EastEnders, has joined the Royal Shakespeare Company for their latest production in Stratford-upon-Avon.

After winning acclaim for her performances in several plays, the Stepney-born actress has been cast as the gossiping Mistress Quickly in Shakespeare's comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor.

The play was due to open this week, after previews were cancelled due to technical problems, and continues in repertoire at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until January 12. See [www.rsc.org.uk](http://www.rsc.org.uk).

During the 1970s Bolan, as leader of T.Rex and solo, had a string of hits and revolutionised the music scene alongside David Bowie and Roxy Music.

His hits included Ride A White Swan, Get It On, Hot Love, Metal Guru, Jeepster, Telegram Sam, 20th Century Boy, I Love To Boogie and Children of the Revolution.

The legacy is continued by T.Rextasy fronted by Bolan soundalike Danielz, who have been gigging around the world for 20 years – a lot longer than T.Rex did.

Rolan Bolan will be performing his own songs and some of his father's hits alongside T.Rextasy, live on stage from 8.30pm.

Tickets are available in advance from the Mount Pleasant venue for £12 (door £13). Call 01902 401211.



Kate Valentine as Musetta in Welsh National Opera's production of La bohème, being staged at Birmingham Hippodrome next week, picture by Catherine Ashmore

## New opera season has La bohème

WELSH National Opera return to Birmingham Hippodrome next week with their critically-acclaimed new production of La bohème.

Their four-day visit will also include performances of Handel's oratorio Jephtha and Così fan tutte transferred to an English seaside resort.

This version of Puccini's La bohème is set in early 1900s Paris and features Alex Vicens as Rodolfo, Giselle Allen as Mimì and Kate Valentine as Musetta. It is staged on November 8 and 10.

Mozart's Così fan tutte is updated to a seaside resort in the 1960s in the version by Ben Davis featuring Elizabeth Watts and Marie Flavin. It's on November 9.

Tenor Robert Murray makes his WNO debut as Jephtha, set in war ravaged 1940s Europe, on Wednesday, November 7.

## Say Hello Dolly at Grand Theatre

BILSTON Operatic Company presents the musical about romantic matchmaker Dolly Levi, Hello Dolly, at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next week.

The company will take the audience to 1890s New York for their version of the award-winning show which, when turned into a movie in 1969, made Barbra Streisand a star in the title role.

Maggie Page plays Dolly at the Grand from Tuesday to Saturday, and the big songs include Put On Your Sunday Clothes and, of course, the famous title song.

## Spiritual sounds come from Africa

A TRADITIONAL African gospel concert will be performed in Dudley on November 3.

Nkosi Ka Ndlovu & The Experience, will also be recording their latest live CD and DVD at the gig.

Proceeds will go to Mr Ndlovu's former school Zidulini primary in Zimbabwe, where he started a development project in 2009. The show is at Dudley Town Hall at 7pm. Tickets are £10 for adults, £7 children aged six to 15, and children up to five years old go free.

## Play within a play

RIVAL playwrights play a deadly game in Ira Levin's 'play within a play' Death-trap, staged by Highbury Theatre in Sheffield Road, Sutton Coldfield. It's on from November 6 to 17. Call 0121 373 2761.

# Reach For The Stars 2012 At HALESOWEN CRICKET CLUB

## Jubilee Fireworks display Friday 2nd November gates open at 6pm

## Two fantastic firework displays from Jubilee Fireworks at 7pm & 8.30pm

**Guy competition from local schools  
Fair Rides, Side Stalls  
Hot & Cold Food**

**Prices: Adults £6 under 16's & concessions £4  
Family of 4 £15.00 (2 adults & 2 children)**

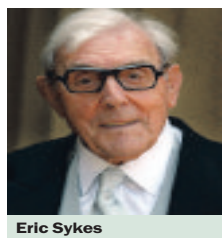
**FREE car parking at Sandvik Manor Way  
Halesowen Cricket Club, Grange Road,  
Halesowen, B63 3EG  
Tel: 0121-550-2744**



# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 3.11.12

### CHOICE



Eric Sykes

**The Late Great Eric Sykes**  
**BBC2, 8.45pm**  
Eric Sykes devoted his life to making people laugh, so the world was a lot duller when the final curtain came down on his showbusiness career with his death on July 4 this year. Now the BBC are finally devoting an evening to the man himself, with this documentary featuring Eddie Izzard, Russ Abbot, Michael Palin, Bruce Forsyth and director Mike Newell. Later, there's a classic episode of much-loved sitcom Sykes, and then another chance to see Arena: Sykes and a Day, from 2001. Covering his success in sitcom land.

### BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Qualifying. 2.15 Live International Rugby League. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 5.40 Pointless: Celebrities. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing.**  
Bruce Forsyth and Stacey Dally present another ballroom battle as the pro-celebrity couples bid to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.  
**8.15 Merlin.** Three soothsayers cast a dark judgement upon Arthur, but despite Merlin's warnings, the headstrong king refuses to take their words seriously – so their fury rains down on Camelot.  
**9.00 Casualty.** Dylan is asked out by a former patient, and a girl's desperation to pay her bullies off ends with her uncle visiting the ED. Connie Fisher guest stars.  
**9.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** Classical singing group Amore perform as Myleene Klass reveals the winning numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
**10.00 BBC News: Weather. 10.20 Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Manchester United v Arsenal, National Lottery Update.  
**11.45 The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship.  
**12.25 Film: Bigga Than Ben: A Russian's Guide to Ripping Off London.** (2008) **1.45 Weatherview. 1.50 BBC News.**

### BBC2

**6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Nigellissima. (R) 12.30 Animal Park. (R) 1.15 Film: Bitter Victory. (1957) 2.55 Film: The High and the Mighty. (1954) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.15 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (R) **7.15 Dambusters Declassified.** Actor Martin Shaw takes to the skies to retrace the 1943 raid by 617 Squadron, which used bouncing bombs to attack German dams. (R) **8.15 Dad's Army.** The platoon friend gets Godfrey's widowed friend grieve in the harvest on her farm. Starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R) **8.45 The Late Great Eric Sykes.** A tribute to the comedy writer and actor who died in July, featuring contributions by Eddie Izzard, Michael Palin, Mike Newell, Russ Abbot and Bruce Forsyth.  
**9.45 QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with Jo Brand, John Sessions, Dara O'Brain and regular panellist Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of jumble.  
**10.30 Sykes.** The siblings are about to leave on holiday, so Hattie discloses the events of their previous vacation abroad. (R) **10.55 Arena: Sykes and a Day.** A profile from 2001 of comedy writer and actor Eric Sykes, who reflects on his life and long career in television, radio and film and the people he worked with. (R) **12.05 Film: Frequently Asked Questions About Time Travel.** (2009) **1.25 Film: Octane.** (2003)**

### ITV1

**6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (1957) 2.55 Film: The High and the Mighty. (1954) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.15 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (R) **7.15 Dambusters Declassified.** Actor Martin Shaw takes to the skies to retrace the 1943 raid by 617 Squadron, which used bouncing bombs to attack German dams. (R) **8.15 Dad's Army.** The platoon friend gets Godfrey's widowed friend grieve in the harvest on her farm. Starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R) **8.45 The Late Great Eric Sykes.** A tribute to the comedy writer and actor who died in July, featuring contributions by Eddie Izzard, Michael Palin, Mike Newell, Russ Abbot and Bruce Forsyth.  
**9.45 QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with Jo Brand, John Sessions, Dara O'Brain and regular panellist Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of jumble.  
**10.30 Sykes.** The siblings are about to leave on holiday, so Hattie discloses the events of their previous vacation abroad. (R) **10.55 Arena: Sykes and a Day.** A profile from 2001 of comedy writer and actor Eric Sykes, who reflects on his life and long career in television, radio and film and the people he worked with. (R) **12.05 Film: Frequently Asked Questions About Time Travel.** (2009) **1.25 Film: Octane.** (2003)**

### CHANNEL 4

**6.05 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Volkswagen Racing Cup. 7.05 Beach Volleyball. (R) 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 T4: 4Music Video Honours: Best Video Nominees. 9.30 T4: Ne-Yo: London Live. 10.00 T4: Made in Chelsea. 11.05 T4: Suburgatory. 11.35 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.05 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.10 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie. (R) 1.45 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.25 Come Dine with Me Down Under. **6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under.** Lachlan Hosking hosts the fifth and final night. **6.25 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv.** A musician who believes he has been in touch with his ancestors. **7.00 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** The architect meets a man planning a bolt-hole in the Lake District and visits people in London who live and work in customised shipping containers. (R) **8.00 Grand Designs.** A water tower conversion in central London. (R) **9.00 Film: Green Zone.** (2010) Premiere. A military officer searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction after the US invasion uncovers a political conspiracy. Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear. **11.15 Film: What Happens in Vegas.** (2008) Comedy, with Cameron Diaz. **1.05 Film: Black Rain.** (1989) **3.10 Hollyoaks. 5.20 Countdown.** (R)**

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Super Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Highland Emergency. (R) 11.40 Film: Last of the Dogmen. (1995) 1.55 Film: The Staircase Murders. (2007) Fact-based thriller, starring Treat Williams. 3.35 Film: Dangerous Attraction. (2012) Thriller, starring Amanda Righetti. 5.15 Film: The Sea Wolves. (1980) Fact-based Second World War adventure, with Gregory Peck. 7.35 5 News Weekend. 7.40 Film: Zulu Dawn. (1979) Fact-based historical drama, charting events leading to the massacre of more than 1,500 British soldiers at Isandlwana. Prequel to Zulu, starring Burt Lancaster and Peter O'Toole. **10.00 CSI: Miami.** Horatio links the murder of a woman to Esteban Navarro, who he long suspected of being serial killer the Miami Tautner. Guest starring Kuno Becker and Raquel Welch. **11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** A blackjack player is murdered following a big win, but the investigation reveals the highroller was on an all-expenses paid weekend funded by his wealthy boss. (R) **11.55 Inside Hollywood.** Magazine show, with location reports, news and views from behind the scenes. **12.00 SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming. 3.55 House Doctor: Home improvements. (R) 4.20 Divine Designs. St Sophia's Church, London. (R) 4.45 Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.15 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)**

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze**  
**8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 Live at the Apollo** **9.30 Russell Howard's Good News** **10.00 MOBO Awards 2012**  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00 Human Planet** **8.00 Horizon: The Core** **9.00 Inspector Montalbano** **10.50 Horror Europa** with Mark Gatiss  
**ITV2**  
**5.55 Film: Nanny McPhee** (2005)  
**7.50 Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial** (1982) **10.05 The Xtra Factor** **11.05 Take Me Out – The Gossip** **11.50 Celebrity Juice**  
**ITV3**  
**7.00 Rosemary & Thyme** **8.00 Foyle's War** **10.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot**  
**ITV4**  
**2.10 Film: Where Eagles Dare** (1968) **5.15 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front** (1930) Drama, starring Lew Ayres, Louis Wolheim and John Wray. **8.00 Film: The Dam Busters** (1954) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **10.30 Film: Raw Deal** (1986) Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **E4**  
**3.30 Made in Chelsea** **4.30 Baggage** **5.35 How I Met Your Mother** **6.35 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 Rules of Engagement** **9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 90s** **10.40 Film: Underworld: Evolution** (2006)  
**Film4**  
**3.15 Robots** (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. **5.00 New in Town** (2009) **6.50 The Devil Wears Prada** (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway and Emily Blunt. **9.00 Sex and the City** (2008) Comedy, starring Sarah Jessica Parker. **11.45 The Beast Stalker** (2008)

Save big style

**25% OFF**  
TOP BRANDS

RECLINING  
SOUND SOFA

NOW ONLY  
**£990**

THE MOTOWN recliner sofa with sound system. MRP £1329.  
10 YEAR WARRANTY ON ALL SOFAS. Shown with THE STUDIO stripe carpet.  
After Promotion £23 sq. metre. SAVE OVER 60%

ORDER NOW FOR  
**Christmas**  
DELIVERY  
GUARANTEED

PLAN  
UPHOLSTERY

LABOY  
THE WORLD'S BEST SELLING RECLINER  
WADE Stressfree

italia

CARPET NOW ONLY  
**£8.99**  
sq. metre

For your nearest store or to order online visit  
**sos.co.uk** or call  
**0800 731 0048**



**SCS**  
SOFA • CARPET • SPECIALIST

# The Knights Quest

High Street, Blackheath 0121 561 5599  
Public House & Entertainment Venue • Carvery & Grill  
*Great Bar • Great Food • Great Entertainment!*

Friday 2nd  
**MISS CHARLIE WATERFORD**  
Followed by **SHANES DISCO**

Saturday 3rd  
**THE BLACK COUNTRY BOYS**

Sunday 4th  
**STARMAKERS KARAOKE**  
**PARTY NIGHT !!!**

Monday 5th  
**KARAOKE NIGHT**  
**WITH SHANE**

Tuesday 6th  
**PREDATOR'S KARAOKE**

Wednesday 7th  
**SCOTT BENCH TAYLOR**

Thursday 8th  
**STARMAKERS KARAOKE !!**

Friday 9th  
**MEATLOAF...**  
**HEAVEN TO HELL !!!**



**SUNDAY LUNCH**

**£4.50**

12 noon-5 pm

CARVERY TIMES

Mon-Thurs

12.00-2.30 pm, 6-8 pm

Fri-Sat 12.00-2.30 pm

**Only**  
**£2.95**

**GREAT STEAK & GRILL DEALS**

**NEW MENU**

Featuring Grills and Succulent Steaks

Available 7 days a week

**NOW BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE, CHRISTMAS PARTIES & CHRISTMAS DAY**

We serve until 1am on Sundays, Midnight Monday-Wednesday,  
1am Thursday, 2am Friday & Saturday  
**DOORS CLOSE 11.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun**

• Strictly Smart Casual • No Hats or Sportswear

Find us at [www.theknightsquest.co.uk](http://www.theknightsquest.co.uk)



# NO CONTRACT GYM MEMBERSHIP

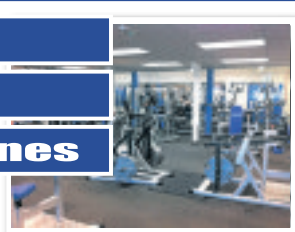
78a Oldbury Road Birmingham B65 0SJ Tel: 07842 99 20 99

**\*FREE Training Session**

One voucher per customer Please call to arrange visit  
valid until Nov 30th 2012

• **Cardio Area**  
• **Free Weights**  
• **Assisted Machines**

• £25 Per Month • £9 Per Week  
• £3.50 Per Session



**MALE AND FEMALE PERSONAL TRAINERS**  
**TO HELP MEET YOUR GOALS!**

A full range of Protein & Supplements are stocked with advice on Dietary and Nutritional needs



## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 4.11.12

## CHOICE



Damien Lewis

**Homeland Channel 4, 9pm**

Admit it – you thought you'd have to wait to the end of the second season for someone to realise war hero-turned-politician Brody was in league with terrorists. Instead, only two episodes into the new season, Saul had found the recording of Brody's confession, Carrie was vindicated, and viewers realised they had no real idea where Homeland was going next. So, prepare to be back on the edge of the sofa, as this week Brody is back in prison – only this time it's on American soil, and he presumably won't have an adorable, tragic child to babysit.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. **3.30** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.20** Countryfile. Ellie Harrison spends a day with woodsman Ben Law in West Sussex, and presents highlights from past programmes on a forest theme, including John Craven's adventure in Snowdonia. **7.20** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple perform their last dance. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. The experts visit the North Yorkshire town of Scarborough, where finds include a carved tribute to a Spitfire pilot killed in action, an early fridge and a Fijian war club. **9.00** Andrew Marr's History of the World. The Industrial Revolution. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Liverpool v Newcastle United. **11.25** The Graham Norton Show. With Robbie Williams, Paul O'Grady and Darcey Bussell. (R) **12.10** The Sky at Night. **12.30** Weatherview. **12.35** Sign Zone: The Choir: Sing While You Work. (R) **1.35** Holly City. (R) **2.35** The Paradise. (R) **3.35** Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. Masterclass. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.35** Film: Flower Drum Song. (1961) **3.40** Flog It! (R) **4.25** Film: The Tuxedo. (2002) **6.00** Fawcett Towers. A rumour that hotel inspectors are in town brings out the worst in Basil as he tries to spot the undercover enemy without upsetting the guests. Guest starring Bernard Cribbins. (R) **6.30** Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and one entire island has been manufactured as a landfill dump. (R) **7.30** Obama: What Happened to Hope? Andrew Marr looks back at President Barack Obama's term in office, assessing if his administration has lived up to the huge expectations. **8.30** Space Dive. Documentary about Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking parachute jump last month, when he became the first person to freefall through the sound barrier. **10.00** Harry & Paul. The Minor Royals are confused by a homeless man. **10.30** Hebburn. Sarah's parents visit. (R) **11.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Ne-Yo. (R) **11.30** Film: American Beauty. (1999) Drama, starring Kevin Spacey. **1.25** Film: The Big Kahuna. (1999) **2.50** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

## ITV1

**6.00** CITV: CITV. **9.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **10.10** The X Factor. (R) **11.50** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** Live FA Cup Football. **3.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **3.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **4.30** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Surprise Surprise. JLS, Robbie Savage and some of the stars of Towie make dreams come true for unsuspecting members of the public, and a woman meets her father for the first time. **8.00** The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary announces the outcome of the viewers' phone-in and the two least popular acts have to sing for survival. **9.00** Downton Abbey. The annual cricket match brings out Robert's competitive side, Violet's great-niece Rose arrives and Thomas's future lies in Carson's hands. Last in the series. **10.30** ITV News; Weather. **10.45** FA Cup Highlights. Action from today's four remaining first-round matches in the world's oldest domestic cup competition, and a look at the draw for round two. **11.30** Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the eighth round of fixtures, including Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints, Harlequins v Gloucester and Saracens v London Wasps. **12.25** The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Golden Balls. (R) **3.20** Motorsport UK. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Morning News.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.05** Channel 4 Presents – Lee. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Extreme Sailing Series. **7.30** Ironman Triathlon. **8.00** Channel 4 Presents – Hannah. (R) **8.05** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Film: Never Been Kissed. (1999) **3.30** Deal or No Deal: Show Me the Money. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Film: X-Men. (2000) **7.25** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. A Muslim reveals his belief that troubled and grieving people can be contacted by spirits called jinn, which are misinterpreted as supernatural communication from dead relatives. **8.00** How Britain Worked. Guy Martin visits Llandudno in north Wales to try to return the seaside resort to its former Victorian glory, working on restoring the pier and servicing the funicular tramway. **9.00** Homeland. Brody finds himself a prisoner again, but this time on American soil, while Carrie faces the consequences of her rash judgement call at the hotel. **10.10** Friday Night Dinner. Jonny wants to split up with Liz. **10.40** Derren Brown: Apocalypse. The showman concludes his two-part special. (R) **11.40** Film: Scary Movie 2. (2001) Comedy, starring Anna Faris. **1.10** American Football Live. **4.45** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. **4.50** Grudge Match. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Make Do & Mend. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Castle Farm. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pajamas. (R) **7.20** Play! (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Eddie Stobart: Tracks and Trailers. (R) **12.25** Film: Stargate. (1994) **2.45** Film: Close Encounters of the Third Kind: The Director's Cut. (1977) **5.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **5.25** Film: Cats & Dogs. (2001) **7.10** 5 News Weekend. **7.15** Film: Hancock. (2008) Comedy, starring Will Smith and Charlize Theron. **9.00** Film: Bangkok Dangerous. (2008) Premiere. A hitman questions his way of life, while his employer plots to have him killed when his work is done. Action thriller remake, with Nicolas Cage and Shahkrit Yammarn. **11.00** Hatfields & McCoy's. Ellison Hatfield is gravely injured in a knife fight. (R) **12.00** Bomber Boys: Revealed. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Highlights. **8.00** Gavin & Stacey. **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents. **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy. **11.30** Cuckoo  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Golden Age of Canals. **8.00** Michael Wood: The Story of India. **9.00** JFK's Road to the White House: Primary 1960. **9.55** Film: The Devil's Backbone (2001) **11.35** Michael Wood: The Story of India  
**ITV2**  
**3.05** Film: The Polar Express (2004) **5.00** Take Me Out. **6.15** Take Me Out – The Gossip. **7.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Results. **10.00** I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever. **11.00** Giffin & Gifford  
**ITV3**  
**7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **9.00** Film: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) **11.40** Film: Stiff Upper Lips (1999)  
**ITV4**  
**2.35** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **5.30** Film: The Dam Busters (1954) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** Film: Apocalypse Now (1979) Vietnam War drama, starring Martin Sheen. **E4**  
**3.05** Charlie's Angels. **4.05** Made in Chelsea. **5.05** New Girl. **5.40** Suburgatory. **6.05** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** Film: Three Men and a Cradle (1987) **10.00** Misfits. **11.00** The Work Experience. **11.30** Made in Chelsea  
**Film4**  
**3.10** The Iron Giant (1999) **4.50** Love Happens (2009) **6.55** Fantastic Four (2005) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. **9.00** The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **11.35** Flags of Our Fathers (2006)

Save big style

**25% OFF**

TOP BRANDS

RECLINING SOUND SOFA

NOW ONLY **£990**

THE MOTOWN recliner sofa with sound system. MRP £1299. 10 YEAR WARRANTY ON ALL SOFAS. Shown with THE STUDIO stripe carpet. After Promotion £23 sq. metre. SAVE OVER 60%!

ORDER NOW FOR **Christmas** DELIVERY GUARANTEED

For your nearest store or to order online visit [scs.co.uk](http://scs.co.uk) or call 0800 731 0048

CARPET NOW ONLY **£8.99** sq. metre

LABOY®

THE WORLD'S BEST SELLING RECLINER

WADE Stressfree

UPHOLSTERY

**SCS**

SOFA • CARPET • SPECIALIST

# The Crown Inn

## Bar & Restaurant

Bar Opening Hours: 7 Days a week 12.00pm-11.00pm  
Kitchen Opening Hours: Mon-Thurs 4.30pm-10.30pm & Fri-Sun 2.30pm-10.30pm

**97 Station Road, Old Hill, Cradley Heath B64 6NT**

*Indian Cuisine 7 days a week*

**Curries - Steaks - Sizzlers - Balti**

Happy Hour Monday to Thursday 12 noon-5 pm  
Pints from £1.80

**Mixed Grills Medium £6.00 Large £10.00**

*We cater for every taste, families welcome*

**FANTASTIC MEAL DEAL OFFER !!!**

**FREE BOTTLE OF WINE**

**WHEN YOU SPEND £25 ON FOOD !**

**POKER NIGHTS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

**Eat In or Take Out**



## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### Monday

##### Revolver, Channel 5, 9pm

A gambler endures a seven-year stint in solitary confinement after being set up by his deranged and dangerous former boss, a malevolent casino-owner who also murdered his sister-in-law. On release he plans to exact a fitting revenge and sets out to bankrupt the villain, with the help of two enigmatic loan sharks. Guy Ritchie's crime drama, with Jason Statham, Ray Liotta, Vincent Pastore, Terence Maynard and Andre Benjamin. (2005)

#### Tuesday

##### Lunacy, Channel 4, 1.05am

A man plagued by horrific nightmares of going mad is travelling home from his mother's funeral when an aristocrat offers him a place to stay for the night. He is soon dragged into a disturbing ritual and faces being "cured" of his dreams by being sent to an asylum where the patients' delusions are given free rein. Satirical horror, starring Pavel Liska and Jan Trzaska. In Czech. (2005)

#### Wednesday

##### The Ring, BBC1, 11.15pm

A journalist investigates several teenage deaths, which are linked to a cursed videotape and the rumour that anyone who watches it will die a week later. Her growing obsession with the tape endangers herself and her family – and to avoid the predicted fate, she has just seven days to find out where the recording came from. Gore Verbinski's remake of the Japanese supernatural horror, starring Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson and Brian Cox. (2002)



The Ring, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.15pm

#### Thursday

##### The Inbetweeners Movie, Channel 4, 9pm

Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil plan a holiday to the Greek island of Crete after they finish their exams, hoping to experience drink, sex and debauchery beyond their wildest dreams. However, things do not quite work out as planned. Comedy based on the TV series, with Joe Thomas, Simon Bird, James Buckley, Blake Harrison, Emily Head, Anthony Head, Lydia Rose Bewley and Laura Haddock. (2011)

#### Friday

##### Dave, ITV1, 10.35pm

A mild-mannered lookalike is asked to step in to impersonate the US president, who is recovering from a stroke. However, he soon realises that in addition to affairs of state, he also has to handle matters of the heart, bringing happiness back into the life of the disillusioned First Lady. Comedy, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Frank Langella, Ben Kingsley, Ving Rhames and Kevin Dunn. (1993)

### Pick of the Week

## Gabriel's political drama mirrors real-life events

**P**oliticians haven't been flavour of the month for well, rather a few months now... which makes them a brilliant focus for a brand new drama.

Very loosely based on Chris Mullins' A Very British Coup, Secret State stars Gabriel Byrne as Tom Dawkins who, as deputy prime minister, decides to take on the American Petrochemical company Petroflex after a devastating accident on British soil.

But it's not going to be easy for him. As a man who believes in transparency and open government, he's got his work cut out in tackling vested interests as he goes about the task of finding out the truth behind the accident and getting justice for the families affected.

When the prime minister dies in suspicious circumstances, he's up against heavyweights Ros Yelland and Felix Durrell for the top job – but it's clear neither of his opponents have the victims' best interests at heart in their campaign.

Screen veteran that he is, Byrne is no stranger to gritty roles. You only

have to cast your mind back to 2003's Vanity Fair (in which he starred opposite Reese Witherspoon), and more recently his role in In Treatment (for which he won a Golden Globe), to see that this is a man clearly up for a challenge.

But does he feel that the storyline in this is a little too close to home in a country where the government faces no end of cynicism at the present time?

"It sounds like we were imitating the headlines, but actually one of the problems of doing a contemporary thriller is that you have to race to beat the headlines.

"The major incident that happens in this that gives rise to the story is a huge petrochemical explosion in a small town in Northern England, where they're developing a drone fuel.

"Just a week before we finished it, there was a story in the paper about the development of nuclear-powered drones, and a probable scenario where what we've come to regard now as conventional warfare will be obsolete – so tanks, guns, regiments, all that stuff, would be replaced by the

possibility of a drone that can fly at jet speeds over continents with a nuclear payload."

However, the actor has no doubts about this drama's success. He explains: "I think the function of a really good political thriller is not providing the answers, but to raise questions.

"And that's why I believe these kinds of films are important, because you come in with the really big ideas on the back of a gripping story.

"One of the things that's interesting about this drama is that we're talking about a politician who speaks the truth, a man of integrity who stands up to the status quo."

One thing's for certain; you'll need to put your brain in to gear – while this isn't going to be relaxed viewing, well done Channel 4 on another promising debate-provoking drama.

Charles Dance, Stephen Dillane, Rupert Graves, Douglas Hodge, Ralph Ineson, Sylvestra Le Touzel, Anna Madeley, Gina McKee, Ruth Negga, Jamie Sives, Al Weaver, Lia Williams, Susan Cookson and Russell Kilmister co-star.



Gabriel Byrne stars in Secret State, Friday, Channel 4, 10pm

### Best of the Rest

#### Monday

##### Food Unwrapped Channel 4, 8.30pm

The nights are growing colder – despite our determination to wait, we've had the heating on for weeks – and nothing makes us feel even more cosy than a big, plate of steaming hot tucker. But not eat it while you're watching this, for goodness sake. This is the last episode of the eye-opening series which has enlightened us as to what really goes into our favourite foods. Matt Tebbutt finds himself in Sweden, and asks, while many smoked fish specialists use traditional smoking chimneys to rack up fish like haddock, how do they smoke products such as sausages, crisps and cheese?

#### Monroe

##### ITV1, 9pm

Great ITV medical dramas are few and far between, so considering how watchable this series has been, let's hope a third is in the pipeline. Alas, this is the last in the current series, and there's no shortage of drama for the Gabriel and the team. He throws a stag party for Nick at his flat, joined by Gillespie, Bradley and Jill, but the celebrations are cut short when a traffic accident brings a slew of new patients to St Matthew's. The cast includes Sarah Parish, Tom Riley and Neil Pearson.

#### Tuesday

##### Heston's Fantastical Food Channel 4, 9pm

Heston Blumenthal is back, and once more he'll be tapping into his youth for inspiration. He'll be hoping to bring back the wonder and excitement of

childhood food memories and flavours on a monumental scale by super-sizing all manner of treats. The world's biggest 99 Flake and a record-breaking bag of Hula Hoops are on the menu. First up however is the good old breakfast, and he's not doing things by half. Aside from the world's largest boiled egg, he wants to dish up a massive bowl of cereal and the mother of all full Englishes.

#### Wednesday

##### Dallas

##### Channel 5, 9pm

Back in the day, Southfork Ranch may have been owned by oil tycoons, but strangely they could only afford one phone and wire coat hangers. If only JR, Bobby and the rest of the squabbling Ewings knew they were sitting on a bubbling reservoir of black liquid gold, they could have splashed out a bit. Alas, this is the last in the current series, but there's no shortage of drama following Rebecca's violent confrontation with Tommy. She tries to forget her problems as she joins the rest of the Ewings at Bobby's bedside in hospital. Meanwhile, Vicente Cano is plagued by Federal agents just as he is preparing to give Cliff Barnes the Southfork deeds and the South American rights to Christopher's methane company.

#### Brazil with Michael Palin

##### BBC1, 9pm

Actor Michael Palin is like a dog with a bone at the moment. He's determined to see every corner of Brazil, and as we reach the third

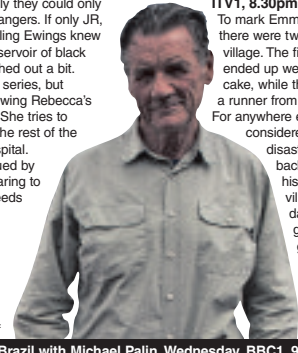
episode of his fascinating travelogue, it's clear he's not willing to leave any stone unturned. He's en route to Rio, one of the world's greatest cities, but stops off in the mineral-rich state of Minas Gerais to visit an old gold mine once owned by the British, before going to see one of the area's vast open-pit iron ore mines – something which is fuelling Brazil's economy. It's then on to Rio De Janeiro, a place which he learns is suffering greatly from armed drug gangs controlling the shanty towns.

#### Thursday

##### Emmerdale at 40

##### ITV1, 8.30pm

To mark Emmerdale's 40th birthday, there were two weddings in the village. The first bride, Katie, ended up wearing her wedding cake, while the second, Chas, did a runner from her own reception. For anywhere else, that would be considered something of a disaster, but as this look back over Emmerdale's history proves, the villagers are used to big days that don't exactly go to plan. Here, we get to reminisce about the time Jimmy and Nicola had to dash to make it to the church on time because they'd been in court.



Brazil with Michael Palin, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

#### Friday

##### Derren Brown: Fear and Faith Channel 4, 9pm

Like Derren Brown or not, you can't deny the man has a little bit of genius in him. He's been wowing audiences for years now, and a master of his game, his tricks and mind manipulations are still the best-kept secret in entertainment. For his next trick, in another two-parter, the showman will attempt to remove people's experience of fear through the use of a powerful new drug. Yes, it's another trick that initially we'll all roll our eyes at and wait with bated breath to see what comes of it. But without a doubt we'll be thoroughly transfixed to the telly by the end of the performance, as, whatever Brown claims to be, he does put on a bloomin' good show.

##### Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special BBC2, 9pm

No qualms about it, Sir David Attenborough is the kind of figurehead that will never need an introduction, his name now synonymous with some of the most weird and wonderful inhabitants of the animal kingdom. And yet the veteran broadcaster still doesn't show any signs of slowing the pace anytime soon – not bad going for a man in his mid-eighties. Well, it's been a short while since he last graced our screens, so he's back – this time, discussing the 10 most endangered animals from around the globe that he'd most like to save from extinction. First up, He explains about Darwin's frog, so special because it's the only frog in the world where the male gives birth to its young.

# JFB GATES & RAILINGS

**Would you like extra security without compromising the look of your home or business?**

***Wrought iron gates and railings are a beautiful and elegant addition to any home, and also add extra security.***

JFB Gates & Railings have 29 years of experience creating bespoke gates and railings for homes and businesses. Whether you would like manual or automatic entry, small gates or large estate gates we are the company you need! To see what we can do for your property, come and visit our showroom where we have over 100 designs on display.

We have a choice of colours, floral patterns and scrolls, you can even add your own monogram or silhouettes. All of our gates and railings are made from the highest quality materials, ensuring they will last and last.

**Enhance your home with JFB Gates & Railings:**



**29 Years experience**  
**Over 100 designs on display**  
**High quality materials used**  
**Create your own bespoke designs**

**A unique addition to your property**  
***Beautiful and elegant wrought iron gates and railings to add elegance and security to your property.***

Whether you would like a small gate or larger estate gates, we can work with you to come up with a design that suits your requirements. They can also be highlighted in gold or bronze patina. For extra security and peace of mind we can install electronic gates.

We have both intercom entry systems and video entry systems so you can make sure you know who you are letting onto your property.

We can also design and create wrought iron balustrades, balconies and staircases. These add a unique and elegant touch to any home.

Come and visit our large showroom with over 100 designs on display. You will also receive 10% discount when visiting our showroom.

**Visit our large showroom and receive 10% OFF your order.**  
**Call 01384 573 823 or 07793 753 320**  
**Offer must end soon!**

**Address: Units 1-2, Talbot Works, Talbot Street, Brierley Hill DY5 3DL**  
**Email: [info@jfb-ironworks.co.uk](mailto:info@jfb-ironworks.co.uk) Phone: 01384 573 823 Mobile: 07793 753 320**



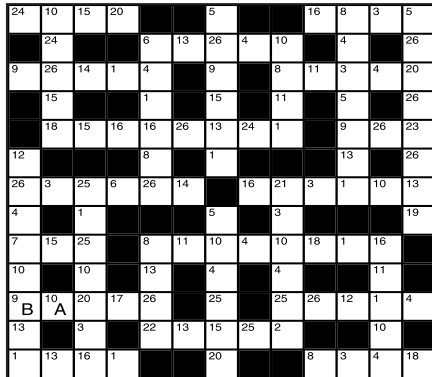
# What's On!

## Brain Gym

No.193

### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



|    |    |
|----|----|
| 1  | 14 |
| 2  | 15 |
| 3  | 16 |
| 4  | 17 |
| 5  | 18 |
| 6  | 19 |
| 7  | 20 |
| 8  | 21 |
| 9  | 22 |
| 10 | 23 |
| 11 | 24 |
| 12 | 25 |
| 13 | 26 |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | X | O | R | I | O | U | M | P | B | Y | V | C |
| A | L | G | W | J | S | E | Z | D | K | F | T | N |

### SEVEN GREAT GAMES IN ONE!

SEARCH: DAILY EXPRESS PUZZLES



ALL YOUR PUZZLE NEEDS IN ONE HANDY APP!

### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

#### Cryptic Clues:

##### Across

- They should get what's coming to them (9)
- A custom, somewhat abused (3)
- Only a personal impression, but admissible as evidence (11)
- Fundamental shifting in cargo (7)
- Extort in precise fashion (5)
- Set out and consumed what's left (6)
- He won't buy the same article twice (6)
- Take slight action (5)
- Having poor taste (7)
- Cautiously asking why the plumbing is wrong (8,3)
- Ivan has a novel need for this garden tool (3)
- Women tend to alter a permanent income (9)

##### Down

- Runner begins skillfully (3)
- It's for putting on colour (5)
- Have prospects? (6)
- Salary? Spend it for a change! (7)
- Finishes - a sentence, perhaps (4,1,4,2)
- Trade died perhaps, if workers were so weary! (4,5)
- Late tenders? (5,6)
- Give short change, it's a mistake of sorts (9)
- A monkish uppercut? (7)
- Noted and objected (6)
- Wines blended for strength (5)
- Run around the vessel (3)

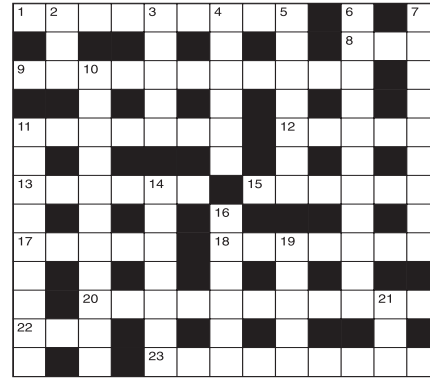
#### Quick Clues:

##### Across

- Not hurt (9)
- Watch (3)
- Hopeful (11)
- Gather (7)
- Exhaust (5)
- Fairness (6)
- Feast (6)
- Comprehend (5)
- Conceited person (7)
- Fickleness (11)
- Fuss (3)
- Protracted (9)

##### Down

- Woman in religious order (3)
- Sharp (5)
- Cordial (6)
- Lessen (7)
- Disgrace (11)
- Contingent (9)
- Estimate (11)
- Parson (9)
- Characteristic (7)
- Flag (6)
- Extravagant (5)
- Is able (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Ideals; 8 Rustle; 10 Equator; 11 Terse; 12 Sash; 13 Smart; 17 Berth; 18 Rhea; 22 Later; 23 Offence; 24 Remand; 25 Dealer. Down: 1 Disease; 2 Request; 3 Cloth; 4 Nurture; 5 Stern; 6 Repeal; 9 Cremation; 14 Bearing; 15 Shingle; 16 Careers; 19 Alarm; 20 Stamp; 21 After. QUICK - Across: 7 Droops; 8 Gather; 10 Regular; 11 Tinge; 12 Save; 13 Rival; 17 State; 18 Style; 22 Raise; 23 Curtail; 24 Filmsy; 25 Flagon. Down: 1 Address; 2 Forgive; 3 Spill; 4 Partial; 5 Shine; 6 Greet; 9 Armistice; 14 Atheist; 15 Strange; 16 Telling; 19 Craft; 20 Rigid; 21 Frill.

### Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| 5 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| 6 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| 9 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 9 |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   | 9 | 2 |   | 7 |   |   |
|   |   |   | 3 |   | 9 |   | 6 |   |
|   | 8 | 9 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| 4 | 6 |   |   |   | 2 |   | 7 |   |
|   |   | 7 |   | 8 | 6 |   |   |   |
| 8 |   | 5 |   | 3 |   | 9 | 4 |   |
| 1 |   |   |   | 6 |   | 3 |   |   |
|   |   | 2 |   | 5 |   | 8 | 6 |   |
|   | 3 |   | 8 | 7 |   |   |   |   |

### Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
The letter represented by the question mark is C. Suitcase, satchel, rucksack, all types of bag.



### ALL YOUR PUZZLE NEEDS IN ONE HANDY APP!



Seven great games in one!

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS  
QUICK CROSSWORDS  
CODEWORD SUDOKU  
WORD PUZZLER  
WORD SEARCH  
NUMBER CRUNCH

SEARCH: DAILY EXPRESS PUZZLES  
On the iPhone, iPod Touch & iPad

### ALL YOUR PUZZLE NEEDS IN ONE HANDY APP!



OUT NOW!

Seven great games in one!

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS  
QUICK CROSSWORDS  
CODEWORD SUDOKU  
WORD PUZZLER  
WORD SEARCH  
NUMBER CRUNCH

SEARCH: DAILY EXPRESS PUZZLES On the iPhone, iPod Touch & iPad

# BOWJANGLES

I.D. Required  
Working in association with W.M. Police

## CASH LOANS!!!

### ONLY 6% GROSS

(Available at Wednesbury branch only)

We now offer you cash loans against all your jewellery, diamonds, watches, gold etc . . . .

- NO HIDDEN EXTRAS
- NO HIDDEN COSTS

[Example: Loan £1,000  
Pay Back £1,060]

## ANY AMOUNT CAN BE LOANED.

(Prices based on a calendar month. Any amount can be loaned up to £30,000 by prior agreement)

[www.bowjanglesmidlands.co.uk](http://www.bowjanglesmidlands.co.uk)

17 Market Place,  
Wednesbury WS10 7AY 0121 556 6868

# Old Hill Pharmacy

Mon - Sat: 9am - midnight Sun: 10.30am - 8.30pm  
Priest House, Priest Street, Old Hill B64 6JN

We will be offering **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE** and **DIABETES CHECKS** from the Pharmacy. *Contact us for more details*

**FREE** prescription collection and delivery from surgeries to your door **7 DAYS A WEEK**

**NOW OPEN**  
Old Hill Pharmacy, Priest House Priest Street,  
Old Hill B64 6JN. 01384 510103

**MIDNIGHT PHARMACY** Providing NHS services **NHS**

turn a life around...  
be a foster carer

If you have a commitment to changing the lives of vulnerable children, can provide a safe, caring environment and you have a spare room, we'd love to hear from you.

For further information on fostering, contact us on:

**0845 618 2680**  
[info@cliffordhousefostering.com](mailto:info@cliffordhousefostering.com)  
[www.cliffordhousefostering.com](http://www.cliffordhousefostering.com)

We offer an excellent financial package with care allowances ranging from £431 - £1042 per week.  
Rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

clifford house fostering

# B&D BLINDS

Vertical, Venetian, Awnings and Roller Blinds

- 12 Month Guarantee
- All made to measure - Supply and Fit
- Washable Blinds Available
- Friendly, Personal Service
- Full Range of Colours

**0121 421 1000 • 07956 416016**  
153 CASTLE ROAD WEST, OLDBURY B68 0EL

# Local Tradesmen

"We have found that 60% of our business comes from our advert in the Chronicle"  
LB plastering services

To find out how you can advertise from as little as **£10.50** a week, contact **Ryan Cooper** on **01384 353227**





The top property guide for Dudley,  
Halesowen, Stourbridge, Kidderminster

# Buy now – move in for Christmas

**FESTIVE fun in a brand new home in the Black Country could be on the cards for buyers who have the presence of mind to act now. Selected properties at Heritage Gardens in Tipton and Chestnut Walk in Bilston are almost ready to move into.**

And as a 'gift' to customers, award-winning Redrow is offering incentives to help get people moving including part exchange, Mastermove and 95 per cent mortgages through the NewBuy initiative. Those who wrap up the purchase of a new home before Christmas will receive an added present in the shape of having the stamp duty paid by Redrow.

Pauline Turnbull, sales director for Redrow Homes (Midlands), commented: "The festive season may only be weeks away, but there's still time for families to move in time for Christmas. In fact, even those with an existing property to sell could be unlocking the door to a brand new home before they've opened the first door on their advent calendar thanks to part exchange. Put simply, we will buy their old home from them so that they can buy one of ours."

"Alternatively, with our Mastermove service we will enlist the help of a tried and tested local agent to sell the customer's home. There's even the chance to own one of our stylish new homes with a five per cent deposit and 95 per cent mortgage with NewBuy."

Between them, Heritage Gardens and Chestnut Walk offer a good choice of three and four-bedroom homes, with prices from £164,995. Open plan kitchen and dining rooms in the homes make the perfect setting for a festive family feast.

Kitchens in all new Redrow homes are well equipped with integrated top brand name appliances, including oven, hob, microwave and a fridge freezer big enough for the turkey. There are also tall cabinets and extra wide drawers that offer a stylish storage solution for any extra mince pies.

Pauline said: "The bedrooms in our homes are all well proportioned so for those on Santa's 'nice list' there'll be no need to worry about where to keep presents on Boxing Day and beyond. And for little ones who are concerned Santa won't know they have moved in the run up to Christmas – our sales consultants will make sure the elves know."

Visit Heritage Gardens in Upper Church Lane, Tipton, or Chestnut Walk in Dudley Street in Bilston, where the show homes are open daily from 10am to 5.30pm.

For the latest sales information at Heritage Gardens call 01204 770850 or see [www.redrow.co.uk/heritage](http://www.redrow.co.uk/heritage) For Chestnut Walk, call 01902 276900 or see [www.redrow.co.uk/chestnut](http://www.redrow.co.uk/chestnut)



Plan ahead for festive move – the Redrow show homes at Heritage Gardens, where some of the properties will be ready to move into in time for Christmas

## Forthcoming Auction

**Thursday 6th December 2012**

to be held at The Aston Villa Football Club

**Considering Selling by Auction?**

**Call for your FREE No Obligation Appraisal**

**Considering Buying by Auction?**

**Call for your FREE Catalogue**

**Auctioneer's of Residential and Commercial Property, Land and Development Opportunities**

**Tel: 0121 247 2233**

**or email: [auctions@cottons.co.uk](mailto:auctions@cottons.co.uk)**

**[www.cottons.co.uk](http://www.cottons.co.uk)**



**Cottons**  
CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Cottons, The Property Specialists  
Est. 1924



Lettings **hickshadley.com** 0121 585 6688

**OPEN SUNDAYS!**

**FRIENDLY SERVICE YOU CAN TRUST!**



**HALESOWEN, CARTERS LANE**

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House, Situated On A Large Prominent Corner Position In The Very Popular Area Of Lapal, Comprising Of: Three Double Bedrooms, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom With Separate Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed Throughout, Garage, Driveway For Four Cars And Large Gardens Extending To The Side. The Perfect Family Home, Available Immediately.

**£850 PCM**



**STOURBRIDGE, VERITY WALK**

Set Within A Delightful Cul-De-Sac And On A Generous Corner Position, Is This Large Four Bed Detached House Close To The Canal. This Double Fronted Home Comes Unfurnished, With A Large And Light Lounge With Separate Dining Area, Large Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, 2 Bedrooms With Fitted Wardrobes, 2 Without Wardrobes, Double Bathroom With Shower, En-Suite Shower Room, Downstairs WC, Detached Garage.

**£795 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, DOWNING STREET**

An Immaculately Presented And Recently Modernised Semi-Detached Home, Centrally Located To Halesowen Town Centre, Comprising Of: Three Good Sized Bedrooms With Fitted Wardrobes, Fitted Kitchen With White Goods, Shimmering Lounge And Separate Dining Room, Family Bathroom With Shower, Downstairs WC, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed, Driveway Parking, Large Rear Garden, Part Furnished, A MUST SEE PROPERTY

**£695 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, SANDERSON PLACE**

Luxury Living In Hayley Green A superb ground floor apartment available immediately. Offering Spacious Accommodation including Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen and Diner with balcony, Two Double Bedrooms, Master with En-Suite, Further Well Appointed Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing and Allocated Parking.

**£650 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, LYDIATE ROAD**

Located In The Ever So Popular Area Of Howley Grange, Is This Newly Decorated And Carpeted Semi-Detached House, Ideal For Howley Grange Primary School, Briefly Comprising Of: Three Bedrooms, Small Kitchen, Separate Utility Area, Two Reception Rooms, Shower Room, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Driveway And Garage, Small Rear Garden.

**£650 PCM**



**STOURBRIDGE, WHEELER STREET**

A traditional three bedroom mid terrace property in a popular residential area and comprising of:- Front Reception Room with Original Marble Fireplaces, Back Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom with Shower, Two Large Bedrooms and One Large Single, Lovely Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, On Road Parking, Available Immediately.

**£625 PCM**



**ROWLEY REGIS, UPLANDS AVENUE**

A Part Furnished To Sit Traditional Semi Detached House, Close To Local Shops, Train Station And M5, Briefly Comprising: Three Bedrooms, Through Lounge Dining Room With Feature Fireplaces, Fitted Kitchen With Appliances, House Bathroom With Shower, Benefits Inside Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage And Driveway Parking, Rear Gardens.

**£595 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, UPPER ASHLEY STREET**

Ideally Located In Blackheath For Local Shops, Buses To Halesowen And Birmingham, And A Few Minutes Drive From Rowley Regis Train Station, Is This Unfurnished Mid Terrace Property With Parking For 2 Cars, Two Double Bedrooms And One Single Bedroom, Large Fitted Kitchen/Dining Area, Spacious Lounge, House Bathroom With Shower, Small Rear Garden, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating.

**£550 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, WRIGHT STREET**

An unfurnished end terrace house, close to town centre and Tenterfield Primary School, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Cosy Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, On Road Parking, Available the Beginning Of November

**£550 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, BRETT YOUNG CLOSE**

An Impressive Ground Floor Apartment Within Walking Distance To Halesowen Town Centre, With Great Bus Links To Birmingham, Briefly Comprising Of: Two Bedrooms - 1 Double And 1 Single, Spacious Lounge, Modern Kitchen And Separate Dining Area, Modern Bathroom With Shower, Allocating Parking, Not To Be Missed!

**£525 PCM**



**BARTLEY GREEN, LUDFORD ROAD**

An unfurnished Semi detached house, located in the Woodgate Area, ideally located for the local primary school, comprising of: Three Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Large Lounge, House Bathroom with Shower, Driveway Parking, Mature Rear Garden

**£525 PCM**



**STOURBRIDGE, PROSPECT GARDENS**

Located close to Stourbridge Town Centre, is this unfurnished mid terrace house, comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Cosy Lounge, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Bathroom with Shower, Small Rear Garden, Parking Space to Front

**£525 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, CHERRY STREET**

An Unfurnished Mid Terrace Property, Close To Local Amenities, Briefly Comprising Of: 2 Double Bedrooms, 2 Reception Rooms, Gas Central Heating, Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom With Shower, Rear Garden, On Road Parking

**£525 PCM**



**CRADLEY HEATH, NEW POOL ROAD**

Currently Undergoing A Full Refurbishment With A New Kitchen, New Bathroom, New Carpets, New Decoration, Is This End Terrace Property, Located Within A Few Minutes Walk Of Cradley Heath Train Station And 5 Minutes Drive From Cradley Heath Town Centre, Comprising Of: Two Good Sized Bedrooms, Large Lounge With Dining Area, New Kitchen, New Bathroom With Separate Toilet, A Property Not To Be Missed

**£525 PCM**



**STOURBRIDGE, SANDON ROAD**

An Unfurnished Semi Detached House Situated On A Quiet Cul-De-Sac Comprising Of: Gas Central Heating, Part Double Glazing, New Size Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, House Bathroom With Shower, Garage And Driveway Parking, Front And Rear Gardens

**£525 PCM**



**CRADLEY HEATH, LUANNE CLOSE**

Situated In This Popular Residential Area, Is This Second Floor Apartment, Which Overlooks The Canal And Has Its Own Balcony, Comprising Of: Two Bedrooms, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom With Shower, Access To Balcony From The Master Bedroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking, Well Worth An Inspection

**£525 PCM**



**ROWLEY REGIS, MILDRED WAY**

Beautifully Presented And Located In A Quiet Road, Is This Unfurnished Open Plan Bungalow, Briefly Comprising Of: One Bedroom With Fitted Wardrobes, House Bathroom With Shower, Fitted Kitchen With Washing Machine And Oven, Part Double Glazed, Conservatory, Low Maintenance Rear Garden, Driveway Parking

**£495 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, MANOR LANE**

A furnished flat above shop, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Living Room, Large Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Shower Room, Secure Parking

**£440 PCM**



**CRADLEY HEATH, ELBOW STREET**

Situated in a quiet location, within walking distance to Old Hill town and local train station is this unfurnished first floor flat, comprising of: Electric Storage Heating, Large Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking.

**£435 PCM**



**ROWLEY REGIS, WINCHESTER CLOSE**

A very well presented, unfurnished first floor apartment, close to the M5 J2, briefly comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Double Glazing, Bathroom with Shower, Parking Space and Parking Area for Visitors, Communal gardens

**£425 PCM**



**HALESOWEN, FAIRFIELD ROAD**

Ideally Located In Central Halesowen For Shops, Buses To Merry Hill and Birmingham, Is This Unfurnished First Floor Flat, Comprising Of: One Bedroom, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, An Opportunity Not To Be Missed

**£395 PCM**



WEBSITE:  
[www.hickshadley.com](http://www.hickshadley.com)



11 - 13 Hagley Road,  
Halesowen, B63 4PU



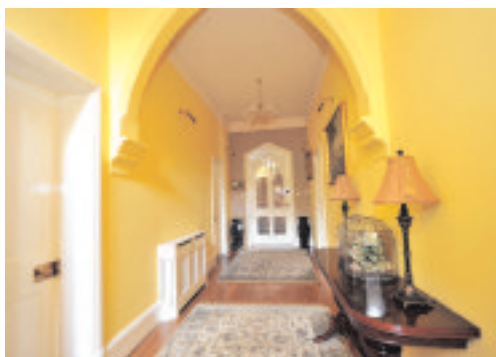


14 offices  
selling across the UK

Bromsgrove **01527 575525** | Worcester **01905 726220** | [www.fishergerman.co.uk](http://www.fishergerman.co.uk)



## Halesowen



a unique 242 acre estate on the edge of the West Midlands conurbation

- 6 bedroom farmhouse with 5.6 acres – **guide £895,000**
- 3 bedroom cottage with 7.96 acres – **guide £395,000**
- barns with planning permission for conversion into 6 residential units – **guide £425,000**
- further 227 acres split into various lots



# MOTORING NEWS AND REVIEWS CHRONICLE MOTORING

powered by

**motors**  
.co.uk

Your essential guide to the world of motoring compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

## A capital plan for Nissan's Combi van



The NV200 could save taxi drivers cash and reduce CO2 emissions

**ONE** of London's most familiar sights could soon have a new look as car maker Nissan aims to clean up in the capital.

The company's NV200 – currently sold as a van or passenger-carrying 'combi' model – is a front-runner in the race to replace the aging 'black cab'.

It already serves as a taxi in two other capital cities and Nissan has previous experience of London cabs, as it made the diesel engines for a whole generation of the iconic vehicles. Its European design centre is also based in London.

The specially modified (to meet taxi licensing regulations) NV200 should go down well with drivers because of its average 53mpg which, according to Nissan, could save each cabbie up to £700 a year. But it would also be a breath of fresh air for

the city, saving almost 38,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions and 20 tonnes of diesel particulates.

While the vehicle has won a number of industry awards as a van, it's also a value for more choice as a well-equipped people carrier with top spec models for a £20,000.

The flagship model has seven seats, with the centre and rear rows capable of being folded down to juggle between the needs of passengers and cargo like rivals such as the VW Touran.

The large side windows with darkened 'privacy glass' are the main visual clue to the Combi's identity. Inside, it's well-equipped and light and agile to drive. In spite of its van alter-ego, the NV200 is actually based on a car platform developed jointly by Nissan and Renault which contributes to its car-like driving characteristics. Its rela-

tively low floor (to enable easy loading and more cargo room in the van version) are a bonus feature for passengers, as are the two large sliding doors which make for easy access, parking in the confines of a busy car park.

There is, of course, Nissan's now familiar rear camera and extra assistance from the power steering at low speeds.

### Smoothly

The power comes from a 1.5 litre turbo diesel (based on Renault's familiar 1.5dCi) with 89PS of power, which doesn't sound a lot for a vehicle of this size, but it's 200NM of torque moves it along smoothly and with plenty of flexibility for relaxed driving without too much gearshifting.

Nissan have the balance between everyday performance and economy just about right –

as illustrated by the 53mpg average and the relatively low 138g/km of CO2 emissions. As a point of interest, that compares to 240g/km for the current black cab so you can see why it's likely to find favour with drivers and environmentalists.

The driving position is quite high, for good visibility, but otherwise the NV200 doesn't feel any bigger than the average hatchback.

The steering is light, and the gear lever, in its raised position on the centre console, falls readily to hand.

On the SE+ model tested the console also included the SatNav screen, which doubles as the rear view camera screen as soon as you engage reverse.

The Combi range starts at £17,293 for the five-seater model, rising to £20,173 for the flagship SE+ seven-seater tested.

FAST MOVING  
FORWARD THINKING  
**IMPERIAL**  
COMMERCIALS

- Approved Ford CV
- Service & Sales Specialists
- All makes serviced Class 4, 5 & 7 MOT facilities
- Air Conditioning Service & Repair

01384 426677  
ford@imperialcommercial.co.uk  
Park Road • Halesowen • B63 2RL

www.imperialcommercial.co.uk

**Transit Specialist**

Imperial Commercial Ltd  
01384 426677

MOT - Vans, minibuses, cars & motorhomes  
Service - Fixed price servicing  
Repair - Fixed price general repairs  
Air Con - Service & repairs  
Sales - New & used vehicles  
Supertacker wheel alignment available  
www.imperialcommercial.co.uk

Collect points Get rewards

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams

**Are you ready to see where life takes you?**

To experience the new CR-V, call us to book a test drive today.

**CR-V**  
—DO-MORE-NEW—



### BRINDLEY HONDA

Cannock, Halesowen, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton  
Call: 08430 223040 or visit: [www.brindleyhonda.co.uk](http://www.brindleyhonda.co.uk)

Calls charged at local rate.

Fuel consumption figures for the new CR-V Range in mpg (l/100km): Urban 28.0 - 43.5 (10.1 - 6.5), Extra Urban 43.5 - 55.4 (6.5 - 5.1), Combined 36.7 - 50.4 (7.7 - 5.6). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: 180 - 149 g/km.

New CR-V range from £21,395 On The Road. Model shown for illustrative purposes: CR-V 2.0i-VTEC EX Manual in Passion Red pearl at £29,400 On The Road including metallic paint.



SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE!



# DUDLEY MOTOR COMPANY

## ★ STAR CAR ★

**06 Reg Astra  
1.6 Club  
5 Door  
Very low  
21K miles**

**£5495**

**20% OFF\***

Servicing & Repairs on production of this advert!

\* Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. Terms and conditions apply

## YOUR ONE STOP VAUXHALL SHOP FOR UNBEATABLE DEALS!!

|        |                                                     |         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 08 Reg | ZAFIRA 1.8 SRI 5-dr, 40K miles.....                 | £6995   |
| 07 Reg | CORSA 1.4 CLUB Auto 5-dr, 49K miles.....            | £5750   |
| 08 Reg | CORSA 1.4 DESIGN 5-dr, 25K miles.....               | £6495   |
| 09 Reg | TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 3-dr, Blue, 32K miles.....          | £5995   |
| 09 Reg | INSIGNIA 1.8 'S' 5-dr, 40K miles.....               | £7495   |
| 12 Reg | FIESTA 1.25 EDGE 2K miles.....                      | £9195   |
| 56 Reg | KA COLLECTION 3-dr, 42K miles.....                  | £3495   |
| 06 Reg | PEUGEOT 307 1.6 SE 5-dr, 36K miles.....             | £4995   |
| 61 Reg | FIAT PUNTO 1.2 EVO 5-dr, 8K miles.....              | £7995   |
| 08 Reg | ASTRA TWINTOP 1.6 23K miles.....                    | £7495   |
| 12 Reg | CORSA 1.2 LTD EDITION 3-dr, Black, 200 miles only.. | £10,995 |
| 11 Reg | CORSA 1.4 SE 3-dr, 13K miles.....                   | £8995   |
| 12 Reg | CORSA 1.4 SE 5-dr, 10K miles.....                   | £9750   |
| 08 Reg | CORSA 1.0 BREEZE 3-dr, 27K miles.....               | £5995   |
| 61 Reg | INSIGNIA 18VVT SRI VX LINE 15K miles.....           | £11,995 |
| 11 Reg | INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi SRI 160 VX LINE 16K miles.....    | £12,995 |
| 60 Reg | ASTRA 1.4VVT 100 ps, Exclusive, 21K miles.....      | £8995   |
| 11 Reg | CORSA 1.2Si 3-dr, AC, 9K miles.....                 | £7995   |
| 61 Reg | MERIVA 1.4VVT 5-dr, 15K miles.....                  | £9750   |
| 61 Reg | CORSA 1.4Si AC, Black, 9K miles.....                | £8995   |
| 09 Reg | CORSA 1.4 Si 5-dr, AC, 32K miles, Silver.....       | £6495   |
| 11 Reg | CORSA 1.2 3-dr, Black, 7K miles.....                | £7995   |
| 60 Reg | AGILA ECOFLEX CLUB 15K miles.....                   | £5995   |
| 09 Reg | ANTARA 2.0CDTi 28K miles.....                       | £11,450 |
| 60 Reg | INSIGNIA 160SRI CDTi ECO Sovereign Silver.....      | £12,450 |
| 11 Reg | ANTAR 2.2CDTi EXCLUSIVE 16K miles.....              | £15,995 |

|        |                                         |         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| 11 Reg | INSIGNIA SPORTS TOURER 24K miles.....   | £11,995 |
| 07 Reg | ANTARA SE 2.0L CDTi AUTO 32K miles..... | £8995   |
| 11 Reg | ASTRA 1.6SRI AUTO 15K miles.....        | £9995   |

**All vehicles come with minimum 12 months Parts & Labour Warranty Free of Charge!**

### VANTASTIC DEALS

|       |                                                                                                           |                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 08/58 | ASTRA VAN CLUB CDTi Silver, Alloys, low miles, Free 12 mth Warranty.....                                  | £5490 + VAT       |
| 12/12 | FIAT DOBLO MULTIJET SWB VAN Choice of 2, delivery miles.....                                              | Only £8995 + VAT  |
| 12/62 | VAUXHALL COMBO 2000 L1/H1 VAN Choice of 4, pre-reg delivery miles.....                                    | From £10495 + VAT |
| 12/12 | VAUXHALL VIVARO 2700 CDTi SWB Choice of 4, pre-reg delivery miles.....                                    | £10995 + VAT      |
| 12/62 | VAUXHALL VIVARO SPORTIF DOUBLE CAB Silver, high spec, air con, electric pack etc, pre-reg no miles!!..... | £15995 + VAT      |
| 12/12 | VAUXHALL VIVARO COMBI MINIBUS Silver, 9 seats, alloys, only 6K miles. Unbelievable saving on new.....     | £14995 + VAT      |
| 12/12 | VAUXHALL MOVANO F3500 L2/H2 CDTi 125 White, massive van, massive savings!!.....                           | Only £15995 + VAT |
| 12/62 | VAUXHALL COMBO SPORTIVE L2/H1 STOPSTART Choice of colours from.....                                       | £10995 + VAT      |

**Many other 12 Reg Vans in stock**

## FOR ALL YOUR MOTABILITY NEEDS CONTACT TONY LISTER



**Our Motability Specialist**

Over 50 years experience  
"I may be able to help with your advance payment."



## ★ STAR VAN ★

**10 Reg  
Corsa Van  
49K miles**

**£5495  
+VAT**

**TRINDLE RD., DUDLEY, DY2 7AY**  
**www.dudleymotorco.co.uk**

**01384 454100**



SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE!

**NO TRICKS,  
JUST GENUINE OFFERS.**

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams



**The Jazz 1.4 Si,  
loaded with added extras.**

- 16" alloy wheels
- Privacy glass
- Unique Si upholstery
- Leather-trim steering wheel
- Front and rear sport bumpers and side skirts
- Modified power steering for greater response
- Revised suspension for improved stability and control

**£159 a month.  
0% APR Representative.**



## BRINDLEY HONDA

With sites in Cannock, Halesowen, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton  
Call: 08430 223040 or visit: [www.brindleyhonda.co.uk](http://www.brindleyhonda.co.uk) Calls charged at local rate.

Fuel consumption figures for the Jazz 1.4 i-VTEC Si Manual in mpg (l/100km): Urban 42.2 (6.7), Extra Urban 57.7 (4.9), Combined 50.4 (5.6). CO2 emissions: 129g/km.

**Model shown:** Jazz 1.4 i-VTEC Si in White Orchid Pearl at £15,000 On The Road. **Terms and Conditions:** New retail Jazz Si registrations from 19 September 2012 to 31 December 2012. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** £159 per month example shown based on Jazz 1.4 Si Manual in metallic paint with 3 years' 0% APR with 2% deposit. Annual mileage of 10,000. Excess mileage charge: 3p per mile. You do not have to pay the Final Payment if you return the car at the end of the agreement and you have paid all other amounts due, the vehicle is in good condition and has been serviced in accordance with the Honda service book and the maximum annual mileage of 10,000 has not been exceeded. Indemnities may be required in certain circumstances. Finance is only available to persons aged 18 or over, subject to status. All figures are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change. Credit provided by Honda Finance Europe Plc, 470 London Road, Slough, Berkshire SL3 8QY.

## WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES



**Motability**

The leading car scheme for disabled people



**Help Us to Help You,**  
The Route To Meeting Your Mobility Needs



- The Area's Leading Specialists in Pre-Owned Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicles
- The Best Prices For Low Mileage, One Owner Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicles
- Every Vehicle Comes with a 12 Month Comprehensive Warranty From The AA
- Every Vehicle Comes With 12 Months MOT
- Every Vehicle Fully Serviced
- The Majority Of Our Vehicles Are One Owner With Full Service History
- If You Claim the Higher Rate Motability You May Use This To Purchase Your Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicle Without The Worry Of Credit Checks
- Other Forms Of Specialists Finance Available
- Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicles Wanted, Firm Prices Given And Collection Available
- We Are A Small Friendly Company That Has Been Offering New And Used Vehicles Via The Motability Scheme Since 1995
- Prices Starting From £5499
- For More Information Contact Our Motability Specialist Tony Walsh



**01384 241222**

Email: [sales@carlotmotors.co.uk](mailto:sales@carlotmotors.co.uk) [www.carlotmotors.co.uk](http://www.carlotmotors.co.uk)  
205-215 Halesowen Road, Netherton, Dudley, West Midlands DY2 9PU



# Fascination with the first sighting of the new Mokka

NO sooner had we pulled into a layby on the autobahn north of Hamburg to swap drivers on the launch of Vauxhall's new Mokka than the couple in an Opel parked ahead of us got out and started towards our car.

Minutes before, they'd passed us (both cars 'enjoying' the lack of a speed limit on this stretch of motorway) and were clearly fascinated with their first sight of the Mokka, especially as ours carried Vauxhall badges, not the lightning flash of the Opel brand, German sister to the British machines with a Luton base.

Turned out the couple, just into retirement, had both worked for Opel at its HQ and wanted a look at the newcomer. They liked it and may already have added the Mokka to the list of possible Opels for consideration at car change time. With limbs less supple than in younger days, a tallish car like the Mokka

(ees) it isn't going to catch the eye of passing motorists. Inside, this Korean built but German designed machine, looks rather severe and sensible in a typically Teutonic manner, but very nicely put together.

## Promising start

Priced from £15,995, it comes with the choice of two petrol engines (1.4 and 1.6 litres) and a 1.7 litre diesel, with the latter likely to take more than half the sales in the UK. You can order your Mokka with all-wheel drive, the rears kicking in automatically when the front tyres start to lose traction, perhaps on the wet grass of a temporary car park or on a snowy drive to work. Approaching half of all British buyers are expected to take the all-wheel-drive route.

What engine drives those wheels depends on the buyer's needs and depth of pocket and, with the evidence of my ears, how much he or she values a quiet cockpit. The diesel Mokka, tried first, was never less than gruff (at a British motorway cruise) but ask it to accelerate from any speed and gruff turns to an irritating growl. It was enough to make me keen to try a petrol model as soon as possible.

Ah! That's better was my instant reaction. Because it's got petrol in its veins, the engine needs to be worked harder than the diesel but it stayed (much) quieter all the same. Mum might now hear the pleas of her little angels in the backseats about stopping for a burger.

Namecheck: Why Mokka? The best answer from the Vauxhall brass involved an association with mocha coffee, a caffe latte variant with added chocolate. But they really weren't sure.

# Vauxhall is green with pride over their Corsa



The new Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex will be greener than any Vauxhall apart from the Ampera

**VAUXHALL** has announced a new variant of the Corsa with lower CO2 emissions than any production by the company except the Ampera.

Producing just 88g/km of carbon dioxide in three-door form, the latest Corsa 1.3 CDTi EcoFlex's figures are 26 per cent lower than those of the first Corsa EcoFlex five years ago.

Peak combined fuel consumption for the new model is 85.6mpg, again for the lighter three-door model.

A five-door version is available with efficiency statistics of 89g/km and 83.1mpg.

The three-door represents a 6g/km and 2.4mpg improvement over the 2011 version of the same car.

All the improvements have come through small upgrades within the engine circuit.

Power and torque from the diesel engine stand at 94bhp and 140lb/ft, the latter of which is available in the ideal rev range, from 1,750 to 3,250rpm.

Top speed is 109mph and 0-62mph takes 12.3 seconds.

The wider Corsa range should now benefit from a more comfortable ride at low speeds, especially around town.

The suspension and damping characteristics have been altered to increase the car's appeal in its natural environment.

All models are available to order now.

By **Ian Donaldson**

would ease their entry and exit. Building it taller will help with putting much younger passengers on board too, as mum or dad leans in to belt the little 'uns into their seats.

And ages in between might find the added space of this small SUV fits their life well. Thousands more motorists all over Europe are finding SUVs the answer these days, turning this part of the car market into a profitable playground for the makers of everything from the Skoda Yeti to Nissan Duke.

Both are formidable competition for Vauxhall's first entry into this healthily expanding sector. At first glance it looks as though the Mokka is off to a promising start. It looks neat and tidy, even if (unlike the car-spotting ex-Opel employ-



THE EASY WAY TO A NEW VAUXHALL

SAVE UP TO  
**£5,070\***  
AT  
YOUR LOCAL  
VAUXHALL RETAILER

**LIFETIME**  
WARRANTY 100,000 MILE



**Insignia**  
2.0 CDTi Exclusiv 160Ps



with Plus Pack & Blue Tooth  
TECHNICAL GREY  
(00940FY15)  
RETAIL £23,265  
SAVE £5,070

**NOW**  
**£18,195**

with Plus Pack  
TECHNICAL GREY  
(0027Q0FF)  
RETAIL £23,045  
SAVE £5,050

**NOW**  
**£17,995**

**Antara** 2.2 Exclusiv 163Ps Fwd



SOVEREIGN SILVER  
(007108PH)  
RETAIL £21,155  
SAVE £4,160

**NOW**  
**£16,995**

**Zafira** Tourer 2.0 165 Exclusive



TECHNICAL GREY  
(0054Q0DD)  
RETAIL £24,830  
SAVE £4,835

**NOW**  
**£19,995**

**Astra** Sports Tourer 1.7CDti  
Exclusiv 110



with DAB & Blue Tooth  
BLACK SAPPHIRE  
(0056PN07)  
RETAIL £20,995  
SAVE £4,200

**NOW**  
**£16,795**

**Corsa** 1.0 S



3DR FLAME RED  
(00502KAO)  
RETAIL £11,625  
SAVE £2,130

**NOW**  
**£9,495**

**Astra** Gtc 1.4 Turbo Sri 140  
S/S Mt  
3Dr



With Vtr Kit & 19" Alloys  
SUNNY MELLON  
(00400ATZ)  
RETAIL £22,315  
SAVE £4,320

**NOW**  
**£17,995**

**Astra** Excite 1.4 100Ps 5Dr



WATERWORLD  
(0077P2VR)  
RETAIL £17,930  
SAVE £3,935

**NOW**  
**£13,995**

**Corsa** 1.3CDTi SE 5dr 95



BLACK SAPPHIRE  
(0021PWNS)  
RETAIL £17,290  
SAVE £3,295

**NOW**  
**£13,995**

**Corsa** 1.3 CDTi 75 Active



5DR WATERWORLD  
(00350GAB)  
RETAIL £18,695  
SAVE £2,800

**NOW**  
**£12,895**

**Corsa** 1.2 A/c active



5DR SILVER LAKE  
(0099QHMA)  
RETAIL £14,260  
SAVE £2,765

**NOW**  
**£11,495**

**Astra** 1.6 Exclusiv 5Dr



WATERWORLD  
(0022PMRH)  
RETAIL £18,305  
SAVE £4,610

**NOW**  
**£13,695**

**Astra** 1.4 Excite 100Ps



5DR POWER RED  
(0004QALM)  
RETAIL £17,435  
SAVE £3,740

**NOW**  
**£13,695**

**Corsa** 1.2 A/c active



3DR SILVER LAKE  
(0021QKEO)  
RETAIL £13,820  
SAVE £2,825

**NOW**  
**£10,995**

Prices Include First Registration Fee & 6 Months Road Fund Licence. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

**T Wall Garages**  
Kingswinford  
**01384 672900**

**Halesowen Motor House**  
West Midlands  
**0121 462 2915**

**Dudley Motor Company**  
West Midlands  
**01384 454100**

**Stourbridge Motor House**  
Stourbridge  
**01384 447970**



**VAUXHALL**

Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km). Vauxhall range (excluding Ampera): Urban: 14.4 (19.6) - 67.3 (4.2), Extra-urban: 27.4 (10.3) - 91.1 (3.1), Combined: 20.6 (13.7) - 80.7 (3.5). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: 324 - 94g/km.

Offers are available for registrations between 03.07.12 and 01.10.12 subject to availability and are available to private individuals and small businesses 1-24 (purchase only). \*Savings shown are against list price at time of publication, for details refer to Vauxhall's current price guide. All other sales categories are excluded; cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Offers may not apply to all retailer stocks. UK-supplied vehicles only. Vauxhall Lifetime Warranty covers lifetime ownership of first registered keeper, 100,000 mile limit. Terms and conditions apply.



# Local Tradesmen



## FUNERAL SERVICES

**DAVIS MEMORIALS LTD**  
Established 1841 Nann Accredited

*Making sure  
your memories  
live for ever*

• HANDCRAFTED LETTERING • RESTORATION • REPAIRS.  
Come in and get some professional advice from us at:  
56A Station Road, Old Hill, Cradley Heath, B64 6NU 1 Park Street, Kidderminster, DY11 1TN  
**01384 566958 or 01562 822106**

## AERIALS

**RJS Aerials**  
Halesowen

**WE WILL BEAT  
ANY GENUINE QUOTE**

- 7 Days
- £30 OFF
- New Installations
- Extra Points
- Tuning Service
- Full Guarantee
- Discounts for OAPs
- Freeview, Freesat & Sky

For a Free Quote  
please call Richard  
**01384 661150**  
**07504 228783**

## BLINDS & CURTAINS

**Fitted for Christmas**

- All Types of Blinds
- Made to Measure
- Supply & Fit
- Curtains
- Plantation Shutters

**Up to 25% OFF**

**Davies Blinds**

- Extensive range of blind & shutter designs and materials
- Prompt and efficient service

Ring for **FREE** Quote  
**Call 0121 624 2053**  
www.daviesblinds.co.uk  
Quality & Professionalism Assured

**BARGAIN BLINDS & AWNINGS**  
**BEST PRICES EVER**

Local Fitter **50% OFF** Selected Blinds We will Beat Any Like for Like Quote

**5 Quality Vertical Blinds From £159**

CURVED TRACK • CONSERVATORY & ROMAN BLIND SPECIALIST

Quality Products / Quality Prices  
**0800 0347 111**  
www.ukbargainblinds.co.uk

## BOILER REPAIRS

### BOILER REPAIR SPECIALISTS

#### Breakdown & repair specialists

Our team are  
GAS safe registered

**(0121) 503 0066**  
**(07584) 070 475**

www.gas-heating-services.net



## BUILDERS

### All Trades of Halesowen

#### PROPERTY REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Roofing • Fencing • Plumbing
- Electrical • Brickwork
- UPVC • Guttering • Fascias
- Gardening • Decorating • Plastering • Skylights

**FREE 24hr Callout**

Established since 1984

**20% Discount for OAP's**

**0121 602 5601**

**0759 007 6739**

## BLINDS & CURTAINS

### GLOBAL BLINDS

VERTICAL, ROLLER AND VENETIAN

#### 6 Verticals FOR ONLY £199

- WIDEST CHOICE OF FABRICS
- FULLY GUARANTEED
- ALL BLINDS MADE TO MEASURE
- FAST LOCAL SERVICE
- CALL NOW FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE
- FREE FITTING

Superb Quality - Genuine Offers FOR FRIENDLY ADVICE & SERVICE

TELEPHONE 9am - 9pm 7 days a week CALL NOW 0845 505 1122

### Blinds4Less

Top quality blinds at budget prices

"We will beat any like for like quote"

From 3 for £95 on selected Verticals & Rollers

Local company, full range of blinds

Call **01384 336162**

or **07986 502518**

www.blinds4less.co.uk

## DECORATING

### PAINTER & DECORATOR

Professional and reliable

Fully insured

O.A.P. Discounts

For a free quote call Carl

**0121 561 1881**

or **07532 200591**



## DOMESTIC INSTALLATIONS

### Bow's Universal Domestic Installs

COOKER INSTALLS

ELEGA

Gas, Electric and LPG

Built-in Ovens and Hobs

Range Cookers and Hobs

Washers, Dishwashers,

Televisions, Wallmounts

also installed

**01562 741179**

**07973 534527**

**07932 723061**

www.bowsuniversaldomesticinstalls.com



## CARPETS

Keith Weston Carpets  
Carpets and vinyl supplied and fitted  
Also Re-adaptations and Stretching available!

38 Highfield Road,  
Rowley Regis, West Midlands  
B65 0BX  
Mobile 07958 621233  
Telephone Keith for a free quote

Over 35 years experience  
Free choose at home service

## DECORATING

### Ashley Services

Painting & Decorating  
Tiling & General Maintenance  
**FREE QUOTES**

Full liability insurance

Ring Ross on: **0121 550 7817**

**07980 286695**

### HALESOWEN DECORATORS

Painters & Decorators

OAP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

10% OFF with this advert

Residential and Commercial work undertaken

CALL **07860 206713** / **0121 550 5784**

### KLH City Colours

Decorative Services

Fully Insured

All work guaranteed

References available

Discounts for O.A.P.

For a free quote call Tim

**07912 149230 0121 5030694**

## CARPENTRY

### SM CARPENTRY & BUILDING

• Extensions/Canopy's

• loft conversions

• Bathroom and Kitchen Refurbs

• Fitted Bedrooms/Home Offices

• All Types Of Plasterings

• General Carpentry

CALL: **0121 601 7727 • 07879 681591**

### FOR ALL YOUR CARPENTRY WORK

DOORS, STAIRS,  
SPINDLES,  
WARDROBES,  
CANOPIES  
& SECURITY LOCKS

MR BURDEN **01384 359 755** or **0777 3057987**

## CARPENTRY

### D. SHAW

CARPENTRY & BUILDING SERVICES

20 Years experience.

All aspects of carpentry including stairs,

kitchens, bathrooms and fascias

For a free quote call

**07812 125353**

**01384 412933**

## ELECTRICIANS

### ELECTRICIAN

Fully guaranteed work

Honest reliable service

ANT ELECTRIC

Ring Tony or Julie on

**0121 422 3549**

**07974 428 603**

'No Job Too Small'

## DOUBLE GLAZING

### SCOTTS WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIRS



- Misty Units
- Broken Locks
- Door Repairs
- Patio Doors

**20 YEARS EXPERIENCE**  
**ALL WORK GUARANTEED**

**07973 84 84 38**  
**0800 034 0344**

### Misted Sealed Units?

Contact us for a free quote!

Telephone **01384 566100**

Email: [quotations@blackcountrycountry.com](mailto:quotations@blackcountrycountry.com)

**BLACK COUNTRY GLAZING Est 1987**

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

www.blackcountrycountry.com

**To advertise your business and reach over 50,000 potential customers....**

**1**

Call us on...  
**01384 353227**

**2**

E-mail us at...  
**r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk**

**3**

Post to...  
**Ryan Cooper, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake Regional Centre, West Bromwich. B70 0QB**



# Local Tradesmen



## ELECTRICIANS

**A M ELECTRICAL SERVICES**  
Domestic • Commercial • Industrial

Full And/Part Rewires // Fuse Boards Upgrades  
Shower / Extra Sockets // PAT Testing // Safety Reports  
CCTV / Burglar Alarms

Free Quotes And Advice Call 0121 369 2370  
07785 781652

## DRIVEWAYS

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Driveways

Price match guarantee  
5 year guarantee.

Don't pay till the job is complete

call us now for a free quote  
01384 410 714  
or visit us [www.birmingham-driveways.com](http://www.birmingham-driveways.com)

## FENCING

**Fencing & Gates**

All Garden Work Undertaken

- Slabbing • Block Paving • Tree Felling
- Turfing • Garden Clearance

**NO JOB TOO SMALL**

Manufacturers of all Concrete Products  
eg. Concrete Posts, Gravel Boards

All work guaranteed Insurance work undertaken  
Over 15 years experience (Public liability covered)

Call Steve on  
01384 242891 or 07970 300586

**LBT Fencing**

All types of quality fencing supplied & erected  
Plus decking, slabbing & block paving

**FREE QUOTES**  
Tel: 01384 568399 or 07884 344616  
[www.lbt-fencing.co.uk](http://www.lbt-fencing.co.uk)

**PJW FENCING**

All types of fencing and gates supplied and fitted

Other services: Shed bases, slabbing and garden clearances,  
removal of trees, privet, old sheds and garages

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP AT COMPETITIVE PRICES • ALL AREAS COVERED

For a free quote call  
0121 532 2263 or 07951 536929

## GARAGE DOORS

**L M S GARAGE DOORS**

All types of doors supplied and fitted

Fast low cost, same day repairs

For a free survey and quote call  
0121 559 0455  
07592 118707

## GARDENING

**ROWAN TREE & GARDEN SERVICES**

\*Tree Surgeon Specialist \*Stump Grinding/Root Removal  
\*Hedges Pruned/Shaped \*Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes  
\*Fencing \*Turfing \*Concreting  
\*Driveways & Patios

\*Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation Quotation  
01384 213644 or 07733 226568

Age concern & Local Authority Contractor  
N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (5 mil)  
All staff C.R.B. Certified

**GREEN LEAVES GARDEN SERVICES**

- Shed bases
- Tree Felling
- Strimming
- Fencing
- Lawn Mowing
- General Garden Maintenance

**SPECIAL RATES FOR O.A.P's**  
For a free quote call 07516 817534

**Roy's**  
Mowing, cutting and garden maintenance

Conifers, Hedges and Bushes cut or removed  
Special Rates For OAP's

Winter tidy ups our speciality

No Job Too Big or Small

0121 422 5818  
07979 980951

**Garden Transformations**

From total makeovers and clearances to decking and fencing

Guaranteed lowest prices  
0121 422 8594 or 07985 548466

**R & S Gardens**

- All garden work undertaken
- Hedges and lawns cut
- General tidy and rubbish removed
- Garden Landscaping

Telephone: 07851 323303

## LOCKSMITHS

**LOCK PROBLEMS**

UPVC, Yale, Chubb, etc? Lost keys?  
Broken door locks? Window and door security locks changed, fitted, upgraded.

Tony Lane 01384 354344  
07540 380140

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

**D H Household Maintenance**

Decking to DIY  
Plastering to Plumbing  
All areas covered

0121 422 8594  
07985 548466

## LANDSCAPERS

**CARDINAL LANDSCAPES**  
West Midlands

Specialists in Patios, Driveways, Paths, Fencing, Turfing, Decking and Landscaping

Call now for a FREE QUOTE  
01902 418354 or 07539 887144

## KITCHENS & BATHROOMS

**C.J.R. Property Maintenance**

**DIY**  
Don't Involve Yourself!

- Carpentry • Plumbing • Tiling
- Kitchens • Bathrooms
- Fascias, Soffits & Gutters
- Laminate Flooring • Plastering
- Decking • Fencing
- Brickwork & Alterations
- Extensions

**NO JOB TOO SMALL**  
For a FREE no obligation quote call Wayne on  
01384 572628  
07973 855569

## PROPERTY SPECIALISTS

**K S SERVICES**

All types of General Repairs to your home and garden  
Also interior and exterior decorating

Local Friendly Service  
0121 561 3977  
No Job Too Small

## UPHOLSTERY

**JC RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICES**

Specialists in Re-upholstery, Repairs and Antiques

**CONTRACT & DOMESTIC**  
No Job Too Small  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Choice of patterns  
Quality Workmanship

0121 561 2344 evenings after 6 pm or 0121 561 2344 evenings after 6 pm

## LOFT LADDERS

**Loft Ladders**

Make the most of your loft space for storage, hobbies, computer room etc., with one of our six designs

**SUPPLIED AND FITTED**  
From only £120

Let us quote for loft boarding, enlarged or new hatch, light and power, insulation, velux roof windows, complete loft rooms

**GORNAL LOFT ROOMS**  
Free survey and quote  
01902 651044/07704 614615

## PLUMBING & HEATING

**Gas Heating Services**

Office 52A, Summer Hill, Halesowen (opposite Wilkinson)

- Central Heating • Gas Fitting
- Plumbing
- Gas Appliance Servicing
- Boiler Maintenance & Repairs
- Specialists in Combination Boilers
- Fully Trained Engineers
- Family Run Business

**FREE QUOTES**

20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Call us today for fast, friendly advice  
Office: 0121 503 0066 Mobile: 07584 070 475  
[www.gas-heating-services.net](http://www.gas-heating-services.net)

**HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING**  
(General Plumbing and Bathrooms)

All installations and repairs

**iphe** Supply and fit or fit only

TIDY, MODERN APPROACH. REGISTERED PLUMBER  
No job too small. Friendly service. Free advice and quotes

Tel: 0916 7968 786449 - 0121-601 6767  
[www.household-plumbing.co.uk](http://www.household-plumbing.co.uk)

**Knight Gas**  
Heating & Plumbing

Central Heating/Boilers  
Fires and Cookers  
Installation and Repair  
All Plumbing Work  
Landlords certificate

**FREE QUOTES**  
Call Gary on  
0121 550 3424 or 07715 082113

**SUPERWARM HEATING**

Specialists in replacing Boilers, Power Flushing Systems, Landlord Certificate's, Worcester Bosch & Vaillant accredited Installer

**30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE**

**Ex British Gas**  
Call Eddie  
07976 755441  
0121 544 8427

**P&D Plumbing Services**

- Specialist in small plumbing repairs
- Top repairs • Overflows • Tanks
- Burst pipes
- General plumbing repairs and guttering

**NO CALL OUT CHARGE**  
Over 35 years' experience  
For a friendly, reliable service  
Call Paul on 07751 669066

**KEN PERRY**  
PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER

Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters  
Multi Point Water Heaters, Landlord's Gas Certificates, Boilers changed  
Guild of Master Craftsmen  
Gas Safe Registered

STOURBRIDGE 392284

## MOTING

**MOT**

**£27.99**  
with this advert  
**FREE RE-TEST**

Green Garage, Unit 2a Station Road,  
(rear of Golden Cue Snooker Club), Blackheath, B65 0LJ

**0121 559 6001**

## PAVING

**DISCOUNT DRIVEWAYS**

Block Paving and Tarmac Drives • Paths • Patios  
Slabbing • Red Tarmac Car Parks

5 Year Guarantee On All Work

Free Quotations and Advice  
Tel: 01384 799000 • 07583 170190  
[www.discountdriveways.co.uk](http://www.discountdriveways.co.uk)

## SKIP HIRE

**MT SKIPS**  
U FILL 'EM WE MT 'EM

All Size Skips  
All Areas  
Best Prices

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
All Size Skips available for immediate delivery  
Scrap Cars removed for FREE

For more details call:  
T: 07920 885774  
01384 482542

## PLASTERING

**Nick's Plastering Services**

ALL TYPES OF PLASTERING WORK UNDERTAKEN

Advanced City and Guilds Qualified  
OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Low Prices  
FREE QUOTES

**0121 559 4818**  
**07930 525677**

**DH PLASTERERS**

FROM boarding, skimming, patching and repairs to complete rooms

**GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES**

**0121 422 8594 or 07985 548466**

**AB PLASTERING**

All types of plastering work undertaken

OVER 28 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
FREE quotes & friendly advice

Call us on 01384 622466 or 07971 569648

## CI PLASTERING

All aspects of Plastering, Dry Lining, Skimming and Rendering, Artex and Artex Removed

Insurance work undertaken

Call for free estimates  
0121 4213934  
07748 644816

## ARTEX MAN

Complete range  
Repairs and coving

FOR FREE ESTIMATE  
Telephone Tim on Sedgley  
(01902) 675144/  
07890 655189

To advertise your business and reach over 50,000 potential customers....

**1**

Call us on...  
01384 353227

**2**

E-mail us at...  
[r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk)

**3**

Post to...  
Ryan Cooper, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake Regional Centre, West Bromwich. B70 0QB



# classified

There's nothing like it for buying and selling

**01902 317878**  
www.expressandstar.com/bookanad

## ONLINE FREE ADVERTS

**IT'S FREE, IT'S EASY**  
**For items up to £250**

visit [www.expressandstar.com/bookanad](http://www.expressandstar.com/bookanad)

Simply press the free ad icon

Sorry, no pets, guns or livestock. Private advertisers only.

By telephone, post  
or in person at your  
local branch.

Items up to **£250**

£3.00 per entry  
Sorry, no pets, guns or livestock.  
Private advertisers only.

**£10 for 3 nights!**  
Items up to **£1,000.**  
plus

**3 nights FREE**  
If you do not sell

(3 lines maximum)

**Place your ad**  
By phone 01902 317878  
8.30am - 6pm Monday - Friday  
Closed Saturdays

**Online**  
[www.expressandstar.com/bookanad](http://www.expressandstar.com/bookanad)

**In person**  
at your local Express & Star Office  
**Cancel/amend**, call before 4.00pm Monday -  
Friday for the next day's advertisement or also  
before 4pm Friday for Monday's advertisement

### Local Tradesmen

**Need a job doing?**  
Call one of our  
local tradesmen  
appearing weekly  
on these pages



### SKIP HIRE

**SKIP HIRE**  
**IN HALESOWEN**  
Minis - Midis  
The best in the West  
**0121 561 5493**  
**07956 664002**

### ROOFING

### Services

Fast and friendly service from a family run  
business, with over 10 years' experience  
**SPECIALISTS IN TILE, SLATE,**  
fibreglass flat roofing, flat felt roofing, uPVC,  
fascias, soffits and guttering, lead work,  
pointing and storm damage

no job too big or too small

For a free quote call

0121 421 1649 or 07841 046 126

Kent Road, Halesowen, B62 8PD

### ROOFING SERVICES

- Gutters Cleaned From £15
- Small Repairs From £15
- Pointing Work From £15
- SPECIAL OFFERS**  
on all UPVC Fascias, Gutters,  
New Roofs/Slate Tile & Felt and  
Garage Roofs
- Insurance work undertaken
- Est 25 years
- Discounted for OAPs**
- Exterior Painting

**Home: 01384 892963**  
**Mobile: 07584 081228**



### ELITE PLASTICS

- Fascias • Soffits • Dry Verge
- Pointing • Gutter Cleaning And Repair
- Premium Products Expertly Fitted  
With Full Manufacture Guarantee.

**For A Free Quote call**  
**01384 468831 / 07985 575865**

### Roofing Contractors

Gutters Cleared £15.00  
Roofing Repairs £15.00  
**FREE ESTIMATES**  
Felt Roof, Tiling, Slating  
PVC Fascias, Gutters  
Fibreglass Flat Roofing -  
20 Years Guarantee

**Telephone: 01384 345209**  
**07773 001859 anytime**

### TILING

### I.C.A. TILING SERVICES

Walls, floors, bathrooms, kitchens and conservatories.

Ceramic, porcelain, mosaics, slate,  
marble and all natural stone.

Quality workmanship at competitive prices.

Fully insured. Portfolio available.

**For a free quote call Ian on**  
**01384 412796 or 07890 894631**

### CERAMIC FLOOR & WALL TILING

BATHROOMS, KITCHENS AND  
CONSERVATORIES  
For a free quote call  
Tony Baker  
**0121 422 4116**  
**07961 604632**

### SHEDS

### Shed shop

All size sheds  
Playhouses, Summer houses etc  
Fitted, delivered and Erected

**All at competitive prices**  
**Call now on 07920 885774 or**  
**01384 482542**



### Lost & Found

**LOST**—Blue Pigeon, with orange  
ring number 06578069, October  
17, Bradley, Bilston.  
01902 658792.

**LOST**—King Charles Cavalier  
bitch from Eastfield area, Friday,  
Oct 19. If found or if you have info  
call: 01902 577635.



**GOALKEEPER REQUIRED**  
Under 11's West Hagley playing  
in the Central  
Warwickshire League  
Division 1, 9-a-side.  
Contact Adam Patrick  
07976 853119 or  
Pip Hanson 07966 644762.

### MALE 58

Financially poor, youthful good  
looks, no ties, serene nature,  
honest, loyal and understanding,  
seeks similar mature  
female view to becoming  
everlasting Soulmates.

Box Number P18141,

Express and Star,

Queen Street,

Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

**MALE 64 YEARS**  
Enjoys walks, theatre, music  
and the outdoors, looking to  
meet a genuine, sincere, lady,  
aged 60 - 65 years for a soul-  
mate.

Photo appreciated (returned).

Box Number P18144,

Express and Star,

Queen Street,

Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

**PENN CEMETERY**  
Full size burial plot for sale.  
Telephone 07855 975601.

**PLAYERS WANTED U12's**  
**YEAR 7.**  
We require a few players to  
strengthen our squad.  
CRB checked, first aid,  
training Saturday mornings.  
Telephone Rob on  
01384 340871 or 07758 236966.

**SEDGLEY SCORPIONS FC**  
**ACADEMY CHARTERED**  
**STANDARD CLUB**  
Reception and Year 1 Players  
required to join our Academy  
to form new teams, training  
Saturday mornings.  
Other age groups also  
catered for.  
CRB checked and  
FA Coaches.  
Contact Gary 07947 621880 or  
Karl 07833 995854

**WANTED**  
Railwayana and model  
railways, stamps and  
postcards.  
Phone David  
07954 438713.

**education & tuition**  
**CLOISTERS**  
HALESOWEN TUTORS EST 1992  
West Midlands Premier Agency  
Home individual tutoring  
LOCAL QUALIFIED TUTORS  
Protection of Children Act  
regulated and Police checked  
Primary, 11+, SATS,  
Secondary, GCSE, A-Level, etc.  
0121 2124986  
01902 671683  
[www.cloistersutoring.co.uk](http://www.cloistersutoring.co.uk)  
NEW TUTORS WELCOME

**FISCES TUTORING** for ages 5 -  
16yrs. English, Maths, Science  
11+ and Dyslexia. Contact 07754  
760552

**WANTED UNDER 12's**  
**GOALKEEPER**  
Wolverhampton Olympic  
Under 12's are looking for a  
New Goalkeeper.  
If you are in School Year 7 with  
some goalkeeping  
experience and are looking for  
regular football then give  
me a call on:  
07810 486501  
Lee Cottis: W.O.F.C.

**YOUNG BUCKS FOOTBALL**  
**ACADEMY**  
Fun Football Coaching  
Sessions for children aged  
18months - 5 years on  
Saturday mornings at  
Aldersley High School.  
FA Qualified, 1st Aid  
Qualified and CRB checked  
Coaches  
For more information call  
Chris on 07746 781500 or  
01902 741189.  
c.buckard@youngbucks  
football.co.uk

**Chat & Date**  
0905 232 5307  
Call Now!

**LIVE CHAT!**  
INSTANT  
ACCESS TO  
100's OF  
HOT MEN  
& WOMEN  
0906 966 1807

**market place**  
**aerials**  
**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky,  
multirooms, 10 yrs experience,  
free estimates, We will beat  
any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**AA DIGITAL AERIALS**  
1 aerial into 2 rooms  
**£85**  
1 aerial into 4 rooms  
**£125**  
01902 858191 or  
01384 429166  
01543 439095 or  
01922 716029

**antiques**  
**BRASS PARAFFIN** Oil lamp  
(working). Double wick, as new  
condition. £50. 01902 850790  
Brewood.

**collectables & memorabilia**  
**WANTED**  
Railwayana and model  
railways, stamps and  
postcards.  
Phone David  
07954 438713.

**education & tuition**  
**CLOISTERS**  
HALESOWEN TUTORS EST 1992  
West Midlands Premier Agency  
Home individual tutoring  
LOCAL QUALIFIED TUTORS  
Protection of Children Act  
regulated and Police checked  
Primary, 11+, SATS,  
Secondary, GCSE, A-Level, etc.  
0121 2124986  
01902 671683  
[www.cloistersutoring.co.uk](http://www.cloistersutoring.co.uk)  
NEW TUTORS WELCOME

**elderly & disabled**  
**WREKIN**  
**STAIR LIFTS**  
• New lifts from £1299  
with 2 year warranty  
• Reconditioned lifts from  
£750 with 6 month warranty  
• Rentals Available  
01952 405397  
07897 273617

**INVACARE** Mobility scooter, blue,  
new batteries & tyres, serviced &  
taxed £400. 07522 600979.  
**INVACARE** Mobility scooter, blue,  
new batteries, tyres, serviced,  
taxed £350. 07522 600979.  
**INVACARE TAURUS** Mobility  
scooter, new batteries, unused  
since £488 service. £500. 01384  
582916.  
**MOBILITY SCOOTER**, 4 wheel,  
Pride Revo, good condition, met  
red, £450 ono. 07711 250665.  
**MOBILITY SCOOTER** excellent  
condition, hardly used, collec-  
tion only, £380 ono. 01384 861212

**SPEED DATING EVENT** Tues  
Nov 6, ages 35-55, at The Old  
Stags Head, W.Ton. For inquiries  
+ adv booking tel 07576 457372 or  
[www.whenthemusicstops.com](http://www.whenthemusicstops.com)

**MOBILITY SCOOTER** go go elite  
traveller, excellent condition, as  
new. £200. 01902 755654.  
**MOBILITY SCOOTERS** from £350  
can deliver, servicing available  
Call: Powerline Blackheath  
01902 569216/07831 246292  
**STARLIFT**, never used, brand  
new, 13ft 2in straight, £400 ono.  
Dismantled, buyer to collect.  
07939 877796.  
**STRIDER MC SCOOTER**, Blue.  
As new, cost £800, sell £450.  
Telephone 01902 897011.

**furniture**  
**HUGE CHOICE**  
**HALF PRICE**  
SEE OUR MAIN AD  
**Dreams**  
[www.dreams.co.uk](http://www.dreams.co.uk)

**CHAISE LOUNGE**  
Cream fabric, converts to  
double bed, excellent condi-  
tion £100. Large gold / cream  
distressed mirror £30. 2 table  
lamps blue ceramic base £20.  
01902 637010.

**LAZYBOY** SUITE, fabric, 3 piece,  
2 seats reclining, one chair  
reclining, beige, excellent condi-  
tion £600 ono. 01902 739165.  
**GREEN** Leather 3 and 2 seater  
sofas, oak frame, good condition,  
£200. 01902 739898.

**MAHOGANY** REGENCY style  
extending table, 6 chairs, match-  
ing corner unit, vgc. £100 ono.  
01922 684260/0718 035643.  
**THREE-PIECE SUITE**, brown  
leather, unused, genuine reason  
for sale, cost £1,000, accept £300.  
Can deliver. 07585 511358.

**TWO CREAM CUSTOM**  
**MADE FABRIC 3 SEATER**  
**SOFAS**  
Sprung base, excellent  
condition, plus 1 matching  
chair and matching custom  
made cushions, must be seen to  
appreciate quality, moving,  
quick sale  
£700.  
01902 637010.

**house clearances**  
**A. ABSOLUTE** cash price paid for  
house clearances and bereave-  
ments. Tel: 07852 172641

**items for sale**  
**BRICKS** ideal for feature fire-  
place or wall. Bsq yards, plus ma-  
xide hearth. £175. 01384 895925.  
**CORRUGATED** roofing sheets  
Also tile effect / box profile  
/ curved and z purlins.  
Hornsey Steels 01547 530419  
**GARAGE DOORS** front opening, 2  
door, white, approx 80" W x 80" H,  
complete with track, in good condi-  
tion, £300 ono. 07973 190486.

**HUSQVANA ROSE**  
**SEWING MACHINE**  
For sale. Plus embroidery  
cards, excellent working  
order  
£250.  
07826 290576.

**LP VINYL RECORDS** Mixed  
selection (about 110 LPs - 60s-  
90s, many classics, £90 ono. 01902  
896984  
**45RPM** SINGLES. Varied selec-  
tion (over 200 records), 60s-80s,  
Many Pop & Rock, £99 ono. 01902  
896984

**household appliances**  
**TABLE TOP FREEZER**, new Pro  
Line, white, suit elderly person  
or student. £80. 07740 875791.

**PAST & PRESENT**  
**DOMESTIC APPLIANCES LTD**  
New Graded & Re-Furnished Appliances  
Sales & Repairs  
Local Delivery Available

24-26 Church Street  
Bilston, Near Wolverhampton  
WV14 0AH  
Tel/Fax: 01902 403770

**items wanted**  
**ALL GOLD** 9ct £300 per ounce  
**CASH PAID TODAY**  
**A GENUINE LADY BUYER**  
All Beswick • Doulton • Worcester  
Moorcroft • Old coins • Watches  
Jewellery • Old toys • Clocks  
Paintings • All silver items  
Pre 47 silver coins All war medals etc  
**ANYTHING OLD & INTERESTING**  
**01922 495066 OR**  
**07971 783206**

**removals**  
**CHEAPER**  
**REMOVALS**  
REMOVAL VAN & DRIVER  
FOR HIRE  
Single items to Full Removals.  
01902 894916 / 07807 773035  
**A AND M CHEAP** Removals local,  
careful firm, full / part loads. Don -  
0800 587 0377 / 07749 941319.

**A MAN WITH A VAN** Single items,  
flat/house removals/clearances,  
local/nationwide. Call Steve.  
0121 422 2999 or 07815 043724  
**CALL PETE - MAN WITH A VAN.**  
Removals, clearances. Call Steve.  
0121 422 2999 or 07815 043724  
/ 07917 679360 / 01384 486126.

**skip hire**  
**GRINSELLS SKIP HIRE LTD.**  
Mini, midi, maxi, large. Screened  
soil and crushed hardcore for  
sale. All skips for weekend must  
be booked by Friday 0121 555  
0690.

**MT SKIPS**  
All sizes  
All areas covered  
Immediate delivery  
**01384 240956**  
**07920 885774**

**HOUSE CLEARANCES/Tree**  
Surgery/ Rubbish Removals. No  
need for a skip. Free Quotes. We  
load. 07789 024695/ 07867 430066

**toys**  
**ROCKING HORSE** full sized,  
made by craftsman, dapple grey,  
leather saddle and bridle, as new,  
£1,600. 0121 6026841.

**tv/home**  
**entertainments**  
**PANASONIC PLASMA** TV 50 inch  
TV TX-P50C10E for sale with  
stand and wall bracket, approx 3  
years old, £550. 01902 655993  
**SHARP 46INCH LCD AQUOS** TV,  
with extended Warranty to Nov  
2013 and wall mount. Model  
LC-46X2000 vgc and fully working.  
£1390. 01743 390254.

**service**  
**AERIAL / TV SPECIALISTS**  
TV Plasma / LCD repairs  
Digital aerial installation  
Wall mount / set ups / etc  
Plasma, LCD TV's from £99  
**07850 330251**

**wedding bells**  
**function rooms**  
FREE FUNCTION ROOM wed-  
dings, anniversaries, birthdays.  
Powerleague 01384 266000  
[halesowen@powerleague.co.uk](http://halesowen@powerleague.co.uk)

**specialists at your**  
**service**  
carpet & upholstery cleaning  
**A1 CARPET AND**  
**UPHOLSTERY CLEANING**  
Competitive Prices. Commercial & Domestic  
Free Quotes. 7 Day Service  
Call Paul: 07870 341089

**double glazing repairs**  
**GET THE**  
**FOG OUT!**  
Condensation removal  
from failed double  
glazing at least  
50% cheaper than  
replacements.  
**01902 488915**

**gardening services**  
**GARDENS TIDIED** From £5 per  
garden. 25 years experience,  
01902 713106 / 07813 184066.



# classified

There's nothing like it for buying and selling

01902 317878 www.expressandstar.com/my-classified

## aerials / satellites

**L.K.B Aerials**

• OAP Discount • Free Quotes

2 Year Guarantee

Make a service with our equipment  
8 till late - 7 days a week

www.digitalaerialfitter.co.uk

All Major Credit/Debit Cards Accepted

01384 918671-07572 838893

## driveways & patios

**ALL LANDSCAPES & DRIVEWAYS**

Specializing: Dig outs, patios, fencing, walls, block paving, tarmacadam, jet washing driveways

**\*SPECIAL OFFER\***

10 bays of quality fencing, concrete posts, gravel boards & heavy duty panels supplied and fitted

**£595.00**

Free quotes

07506 028261 0800 858 9829

83 Portway Road, Wednesbury, WS10 7DZ

www.alllandscapes.co.uk

## flooring

**3 FLOOR FINISHES**

Laminate, Carpet & Vinyl floor fitter

Professional and Reliable service,  
25 years experience. Free estimates

Call: 07890 981282

## guttering

**A\* GUTTER CLEANING**

Soil, leaves, replacements,  
Pressure washing, Paths/Drives/Patios

FREE quotes 7 Day Service

Call Paul

07870 341089

## plans prepared

**ADAM DESIGN** Building Plans

Drawn and submitted to council

Tel: 01902 620200 / 07841 654037

Email: adamdesign@sky.com

## roofing

**MG ROOFING** Flat roofs, tiling, roof repairs, fascias and gutters.

Call: 01902 238899 / 07580 445449

**PREMIER ROOFING** 25% off all New Roofs, Repairs and Fascias.

01894 353630 or 07875 387445

**SEMI RETIRED ROOFERS** All things roofing, flat roofs/fascias and guttering, gutter clean, 38 yrs experience. Call: 07549 158165

## business

### public & legal notices

**LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES**

For convenience you may fax any advertising requirements to

Marie Hogg on  
01902 713146  
or email m.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk

(remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)

## leisure

### boats & water sports

**AVON inflatable Boat 3.5m**, wooden floor, Honda 2hp outboard engine, 2 life jackets, pump, anchor, £495. 07853 172911.

### car boot sales

**GIANT INDOOR BOOT SALE**

This and every Sunday

Sellers 1pm - Buyers 2pm-5pm

Frisky Garden Leisure Centre, off A5102, Eastern Ave, Lichfield, WS13 7EW.

80 pitches (bring your own table)

Just turn up!

DETAILS: 07890 267041

www.bestbootsales.com

## caravans wanted

**A MODERN** Touring caravan wanted.

Prompt viewing.

01299 266262

**TOURING CARAVAN** wanted, will pay up to £200.

Anybody considered.

07980 365757

## caravans / motorhomes

**ABJ LUBILEE SUPREME** Courier 4 berth ice Isabella awning with acrylic poles, annex bedroom, all extras, £2,600 ono. 07411 745488

**BAILEY PROVERE** SERVO 5

Luxury 5-berth, 2006, end bedroom, separate shower/toilet, sunroof, etc. many extras, immaculate condition.

£6,300

01299 253165

**CARAVAN AWNING**, Dorema Escada 2010 - 975 - 1000cm, blue/grey. Extras. £295.

01562 906771

**ECCLES TWIN** axle, 5 berth, end bedroom, cassette toilet, shower, hot/cold water, new awning, used once, p/x motorbike or classic car or pet £2875 ono. 07583 547401

## equestrian corner

**IPFOR WILLIAMS** 506 horse trailer, black Anniversary model, extras fitted, lightweight, as new, £3,895 ono. 07971 284856

**16.2HIN 8YO** Bay Gelding, Holstein X SH, good flat work, clean jumper, lovely temperament, £2,500. 07734 739207

## guns & dogs

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS**

Advertisers must ensure that they meet all necessary legal requirements for owning and using guns.

**WEINRAUGH HW77K RIFLE** with Nikko Stirling silver crown, £130 scope, with new gun bag, £260 ono. 07949 243632

**PARSONS RUSSELL PUPPIES**, 2 dogs, 6 weeks old, tri colour and broken coated, full pedigree, £350. 07881 555198

**POMERANIAN** boys and girls, white, wormed and de-flea'd, £350. 07972 604503

**ROUGH HAired** Jack Russell dog, 6 weeks old, £100. 01902 830772 after 4pm

**SHIH TZU** puppies, 2 black and white females, fully inoculated and microchipped. Wormed to date and flea'd. £375 each. 01902 861817

**THREE MONTHS** old male puppy, Mother half miniature Poodle and Jack Russell, Father Chihuahua, vaccinated, microchipped, all bedding, toys and cage, £150. Genuine reason for sale. 01902 859628

**TIMMY** Big white cat with black head and tail, neutered, 6 years old, looking for new home. 0784 7360784. Wolverhampton

**TOY POMERANIAN** bitch, 13 weeks, pedigree, vaccinated, wormed, black, genuine reason for sale. £300. 07627 143255

**YORKSHIRE TERRIER** girl puppy, very small, wormed and vaccinated. £285. 07972 604503

**YORKSHIRE** Terrier X Chihuahua (Chorkies), puppies, home reared, 01902 276433, 07442 179422. Can deliver.

**DOG WALKER & PET SITTER**

Details / prices on  
www.WagTailWalkies.com  
or call: 07941 088636

**A SUPER COMPANION KITTEN**, Rag Dolls and Ragamuffins. 01902 860617 or 07436 025965

**AMERICAN COCKER** Spaniel puppies, buff, both parents health tested, home reared, KC reg., 8 weeks old £750. 07980 746181.

## NOTICE TO READERS

Please be aware that when purchasing a puppy there are some simple guidelines you can follow to ensure that you are not purchasing from a Puppy Farmer:

1. Try to ensure you visit the puppy whilst it is still with its Mother.
2. Do not arrange to collect a puppy from any other location than that of the breeder.
3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree.

Whilst Midland News Association publications take great care to avoid publication of advertisements from Puppy Farmers we cannot accept any liability should readers purchase from this kind of establishment.

**BABY MINI LOP RABBITS**, £15 each. Baby Guinea Pigs, rare breeds, (Teddies, Himalayans), £10 each. 01543 321416.

**BABY MINI LOP RABBITS**, Free to a good home. 01902 861817.

**BICHON FRISE** boy puppy, wormed and de-flea'd, £295. 07972 604503

**BICHON FRISE** cross Chihuahua puppies, 8 weeks old small / fluffy, both parents can be seen. £220 each. 01394 486471

**BLACK LABRADOR** Puppy, 10 weeks, genuine reason, comes with bedding, toys, food, collar, lead, £300 ono. 07545 154494.

**CANARIES** Cocks and Hens. From £5 each. 07966 625275.

**CAVALIER KING** Charles, adorable puppies, all colours, from £350. 07897 530504.

**CAVALIER X Bichon**, (cavachon), boy, wormed and de-flea'd, £265. 07972 604503.

**CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES** for sale, 6 weeks, 6 weeks old, price on enquiry. 01952 410117.

**ENGLISH SPRINGER** Spaniel Pups, liverwhite, 8 weeks old, parents can be seen. £225 each. 01299 861586 or 07989 280633.

**FOREST DOG RESCUE**

Rehoming - Sayde - Boxer 4yrs, Male. Harley - GSD X, 3yrs, Male. Becks - Bichon Frise X, 8yrs, male. Zippy - Lurcher, 3yrs, male. Sable - Staffie, 2yrs, female. Marned & Bart - young Husky X's. Delegate - Greyhound, 4yrs, male. Sasha - GSD X, 20mths, female. Nugget - Staffie, 2yrs, male. Vinnie - Rottie, 3yrs, male. Zia - Staffie, 16mths, female. Jessie - Collie X 5yrs, female. Hattie - X B r e e d, 12mths, female.

**GERMAN SHEPHERD** puppies, 6 weeks old, healthy and vet checked plus first vaccination, £180 each. 01961 016771.

**GUINEAU PIGS** breeding group of Teddie's babies. Also 2 young smooth coated males. Details. Kingswinford. 01384 286300.

**JACK RUSSELL PUPPIES** Black and white, tan and white dogs only, further information 01746 07902 or 07702 202791

**JACK RUSSELL** Puppies, brown and white, dogs only, £160 each. 07403 302028.

**KITTENS** 10 weeks old, male/female, mixed colours, £28 each. 07428 811448.

**KITTENS** for sale 8 weeks old, £25 each. 07907 588766.

**KOI CARP** pond fish and equipment for sale, reasonable offers. 01384 242676

**LABRADOR** Black pedigree puppies, worm or pet. £280. 07779 742080.

**MINIATURE CHIHUAHUA** CROSS YORKIE ready now, boy, girl, wormed £275. 07980 081907.

**PARSONS RUSSELL PUPPIES**, 2 dogs, 6 weeks old, tri colour and broken coated, full pedigree, £350. 07881 555198

**POMERANIAN** boys and girls, white, wormed and de-flea'd, £350. 07972 604503.

**ROUGH HAired** Jack Russell dog, 6 weeks old, £100. 01902 830772 after 4pm

**SHIH TZU** puppies, 2 black and white females, fully inoculated and microchipped. Wormed to date and flea'd. £375 each. 01902 861817

**THREE MONTHS** old male puppy, Mother half miniature Poodle and Jack Russell, Father Chihuahua, vaccinated, microchipped, all bedding, toys and cage, £150. Genuine reason for sale. 01902 859628

**TIMMY** Big white cat with black head and tail, neutered, 6 years old, looking for new home. 0784 7360784. Wolverhampton

**TOY POMERANIAN** bitch, 13 weeks, pedigree, vaccinated, wormed, black, genuine reason for sale. £300. 07627 143255

**YORKSHIRE TERRIER** girl puppy, very small, wormed and vaccinated. £285. 07972 604503

**YORKSHIRE** Terrier X Chihuahua (Chorkies), puppies, home reared, 01902 276433, 07442 179422. Can deliver.

**The Famous BILSTON SUNDAY MARKET & CAR BOOT**

52 WEEKS A YEAR, WHATEVER THE WEATHER!

OVER 150 SHELTERED STALLS

£15 for 1 / £20 for 2

£25 for 3

NO MUD! FREE PARKING!

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

SELLERS TURN UP - £10 PER BOOT

BILSTON TOWN CENTRE, WV14 0DN

07736 777244

www.bilstondpromotions.com

## jobs

**BILLY THOMAS** HOT DRIVER TRAINING

Inc B+E (CAR & TRAILER), THEORY, CPC TRAINING, 1-2-1 TUITION

CALL 01902 744726 OR 07831 646601

**TOP GEAR DRIVER TRAINING**

DSA QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS

LAP/PCV MILEAGE, 5/6 TRAINING

INTENSIVE CAR TRAINING

FREE MEDICAL WHEN BOOKING

ARRIVE AND DRIVE

0121 585 0834

Topgear-kgp@btconnect

## engineering

**CNC PROGRAMMER / SETTER**

H+H Products Ltd are a premier producer of precision press tools, high quality metal pressings, steel & aluminium fabrications and machined components.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**TECHNICIAN** Ryder Halesowen

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

**RYDER** is one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicle rental, contract hire and maintenance services. Continually growing through sustained investment, we pride ourselves on the strength of our customer relationships and our attention to detail, setting the standard for customer service, choice and value.

## FIAT CROMA

2005, H2 TDV cher, black, 18000 miles, MoT Sept 2013, CD, grey, air bag, air con, fsh, diesel, pas, £2,000 ono. 01902 317878

**FIAT GRANDE PUNTO** Dynamic Sport, 07, 3dr, black, 50K, E.W. CD, £1,995, 07534 307233.

**FIAT MULTIPLA** 1.9 JTD, 2002, tax, MoT, diesel, low mileage, six seater, £1,800. 01902 782593

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**FORD FIESTA 1.25CC STYLE** 2006, 41,100 miles, 3 doors, full Ford service history, 1 female owner from new, metallic blue, electric windows, 5 months MoT, 11 months tax, central locking, pas, CD stereo system, petrol, very good condition, genuine reason for sale. £3,200 ono. 07989 556325.

**FORD FOCUS 1.8 Zetec** TDCi Climate, 07, plate, tax Dec 2012, MoT March 2013, £2,600 ono. Telephone 01691 670741.

**FORD GALAXY TDI ZETEC** 1300, silver, fsh, seater, long MoT, serviced, very clean, £3,495 ono. 07971 284856

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695. 07794 112473

**HONDA JAZZ** 1.4SE 01 reg, 122k, full MoT, tax Dec, very, slight crease on wing, excellent engine/gearbox, £1,695



# star extra TRAVEL



## LONDON THEATRE

**Choose your show, price band\* and how you want to travel**

### Coach inclusive breaks

Selected weekend departures

**FROM £129.95 (Saturday Night)**

**FROM £139.95 (Dine and Dance)**

Take in a top West End show and have some free time in London for shopping and sightseeing. For the Dine and Dance option see the matinee performance before heading back to the hotel for dinner and disco (conditions apply). For the Saturday Night option you will see the evening performance. For both breaks the price includes a theatre ticket, overnight stay in a four-star outer London hotel, with full English breakfast (plus dinner for Dine and Dance options). Pick ups offered are Dudley, Shrewsbury, Telford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

### Rail inclusive breaks

Departures most weekends

**FROM £139.95**

Catch the Theatre Express and enjoy a super two-day weekend break in the capital. There's a choice of London hotels and your ticket is for a Saturday evening performance. Rail travel is standard class with the option to upgrade. Depart Saturday morning/early afternoon from Birmingham New Street, Shrewsbury, Stafford or Wolverhampton, returning on the Sunday afternoon/early evening to give plenty of free time for shopping and sightseeing. Stay the Friday evening too for an additional cost.

### Self-drive breaks

Departures most weekends

**FROM £99.95 (Friday Night)**

**FROM £109.95 (Saturday Night)**

The self-drive break is for one evening staying either on the Friday night or Saturday night in a four-star hotel. You will see the evening performance: for Friday night you will have a top price ticket and for Saturday evening there is a choice of price bands. Stay extra nights for a reasonable supplement (subject to availability).

\* The "from" price and price bands vary for each show – see brochure for details.

Single room supplements apply.

Arranged by Omega Holidays (ABTA V4782)

For a theatre brochure please call (01902) 319999 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm), email [starextra@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:starextra@expressandstar.co.uk) (please include your name and address) or go to [expressandstar.com/starextratavel](http://expressandstar.com/starextratavel)

Please read brochure/web page for full information plus terms and conditions

### classic cars

ROVER 800 STIRLING Coupe, 2.0, 1997, met grey, 80k, 2 owners, new MoT, very good condition, £695. 01922 649692 - 0121 3537220

### commercial vehicles

Vauxhall COMBO VAN 1.7Di Diesel, 03 reg, MoT April, only 85k, £1,300 ono. 01922 419474.

### scrap vehicles

## MCB

TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL SCRAP CARS, VANS, BIKES, CLASSICS  
Tel: 01902 408176  
1000's of parts available at all times  
MONMORE RD. WV1 2TZ

### 1st CHOICE

TOP PRICE PAID 4 SCRAP CARS!  
VANS! CAMPER! MOT FAILURES!

ANYTHING CONSIDERED

FREE COLLECTION

WITHIN THE HOUR! 7 DAYS

07895 346811 - 24 hrs

01902 562853

07977 499516

### CHRIS PAYS

THE BEST

GUARANTEED

for all scrap cars & vans

Scrap it legally Avoid fines

We supply a certificate of destruction.

Licence no: EAWML40301

No Worries Call Chris:

01902 493110 Daytime

0121 525 5813

01902 659775 - evenings

### TOP PRICE PAID FOR SCRAP CARS

NO WHEELS? NO KEYS?

NO PROBLEM!

24hr collection, 7 days, any area

07500 042351

### vehicles wanted

CROWN MOTORS Guarantee best cash price for your unwanted car / van 01902 495758 / 07903 549849

## alan reed cars

Used cars wanted for cash, Top prices paid, HP settled.

Buyer could call.

01562 711083 / 07831 245313.

## property

### accommodation to let

**NOTICE TO READERS**  
It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1983, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

**NOTICE TO READERS**  
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

**DSSMOVE.CO.UK** the online property portal where every property says yes to DSS tenants.

**FLAT/LET** Wolverhampton, 12 bed CH, DSS welcome, off road parking, 07718 896058.

**FORDHOUSES** Two bed Flat, CH, DG, £395 pcm. No DSS. 07511 758999.

**GORNAL VILLAGE**

1-bed 1st floor flat with integral garage, excellent condition, DG, CH, no smokers or pets. £415pcm 07772 624690.

**MODERN DETACHED** 3 bed house, garage, CH, Goldthorn, Wolverhampton. Rent negotiable. No DSS. 07778 696636.

**ONE / TWO / THREE BED** properties, Wolverhampton & Bilston, DSS Ok. 01902 686605 / 07855 790301.

**STUDIO FLAT** Dudley, own kitchen/bathroom, £65-£92pw plus bills 07550 002540.

**THREE BED** House, Brierley Hill, CH, DG, newly decorated £550pcm dep req. 07976 781003.

**THREE BEDROOM** HOUSE, in Willenhall, £475pcm. Telephone 07896 970814.

**TIVIDALE AND DUDLEY** good one bed Flat, DSS OK, £375pcm. 07957 140824.

**TWO BED BUNGALOW**, brand new, CH, excellent condition, Dunstall area, DSS considered, deposit required. 01902 822919.

There's nothing like it for buying and selling  
01902 317878 www.expressandstar.com/my-classified

### properties wanted



**WE BUY ANY HOUSE ANY CONDITION**

- A guaranteed offer on your property\*
- No fees - an easy sale
- Repossession stopped
- Deceased estates - with and without probate
- Free solicitors - no fees\*
- Need fast cash? - we can help

\* Subject to terms

0800 032 1718 TEXT BUY TO 88802



**We buy any house**

- We are a family run local business.
- A fair offer from people you can trust.
- No fees - Free solicitors.

**We pay 100% of purchase price**

Call Stan on 01902 628047

**pink ladies**

- Free confidential service
- No Fees - Any property
- Any condition - Any area
- Stop repossessions
- Deceased estates

0800 169 1116 (pink)

**the name you can trust**  
**Harrison Fowler**  
DECEASED / INHERITED ESTATES

Let us take the stress away from your home with an efficient probate - fast, discreet service with fees - that the name you can trust.

Telephone: 0800 975 3014

**WE BEAT ANY PRICE!**

We pay 100% of purchase price

- Guaranteed offer\*
- Any condition
- No fees\*
- No solicitors

\* Terms apply

For the best price on your home

Call 0800 783 2822



**Dewmark Homes**

**need fast cash?**

- Guaranteed offer
- Free advice - no fees\*

0800 083 7723

**ABetter Cash Deal**

It's simple as that. You will get the best deal on your home from FIRST GENERAL HOMES

Call 24/7 0800 107 4117

**STOP YOUR REPOSSESSION**

FREE PHONE 0800 085 6626

**Save Your Home**

\* Free solicitors \* No out call \* No fees

**I WILL BUY YOUR HOUSE**

\*ANY AREA\*ANY PRICE\*ANY CONDITION

CALL PAULA ON 01384 467643

\*INDEPENDENT\*LOCAL\*CONFIDENTIAL

**Need To Sell Your House Fast?**  
Guaranteed Quick Offer  
Up to 100% of market value!  
Call Sue on 0121 285 0317.

**PROPERTY NEEDED** for long term let. We will pay above market rent for the right property. Call Lucy 07834 686561

**PROPERTY WANTED** any condition. Long term let. Guaranteed above market rent paid for right property. Call Sarah on 0121 568 7087.

### land

**SIDE GARDENS WANTED**  
(Building Plots) Sell for Profit. Quick Decision: 01902 489901.

### overseas property

**NOTICE TO READERS**  
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

### bungalows

**GALLERIED BUNGALOW**  
Freehold, in friendly cul-de-sac on outskirts of Perton village. One bedroom, open plan, GCH, manageable gardens. One minute from woodland walks five minutes from shops. Suit first time, retired or investment. £102,000.  
Tel: 01630 685285

### houses for sale

**MADELEY TELFORD**  
2 Bed fully refurbished home for sale in Madeley, new kitchen, new flooring, new CH and boiler, DG and redecorated throughout, enclosed rear garden and car port. Property valued at £120,000 but offered at £109,950 for quick sale.  
Call Kim now for a viewing on 07725 811115

**ABERGYNOLWYN, GWYNEDD**  
Detached 3 bed bungalow, village location, close to Tynwy and Aberdovey. Shops and beach close by. Refurbished modern light interior. New kitchen, new bathroom, new Welsh oak windows, large driveway, integral garage. Enclosed gardens. £225,000 ono.  
01654 782783.



**LLANGYNIEW NEAR WELSPOL**

A superb 3-bed chalet bungalow for sale. Fully double glazed, LPG gas central heating. Lovely sun deck and gardens all round. 12 months of the year tenancy. Parking for 2 cars. Come and look at the view.

£87,000.

01938 811194.

## MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY JOBSDAY

Every Thursday our special jobs section is packed with the week's hottest vacancies.

Make sure you get your copy - it might be just what you've been waiting for.

jobs.expressandstar.com

Monday's waiting list is the best job



## NEVER UNDER ESTIMATE THE POWER OF SMALL

Classified adverts might be small, but they pack a big punch. For as little as £20 per week, you can promote your business to the largest audience in the Midlands.

That's a staggering 660,000 local people each week. Give us a call - we think you'll be knocked out by the impact.

## classified

There's nothing like it for buying and selling.

01902 317878

Express & Star / The Chronicle / www.expressandstar.com



SPORT

# League ponders change

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE cricket could be set for a new format next summer.

The league is weighing up a change in playing regulations that would see sides play a number of games on a 50-over win or lose basis while the remaining matches would be played under the current rules which factor in winning and losing draws.

The format has proved a success in the Essex and Southern Premier Leagues.

Further talks are planned with club officials at a Birmingham League cricket sub-committee meeting on Monday.

The format would see the first five and last six games of the season played over 50-overs, with bowlers restricted to a maximum of 10 overs, and the 11 fixtures in between played under current league rules. Each side will play each other once under both formats.

"The idea has got some legs," said Birmingham League general manager Nick Archer. "It has been implemented by two or three other Premier Leagues elsewhere in the country in the last few years."

"At a recent meeting with players and captains from Premier and Division One teams there was a lot of enthusiasm for the idea. They were the ones who broached the subject."

"There are still a few issues to be sorted out such as a points system and whether to introduce power-plays."

"If the clubs decide they want to try a new format then I think we need to look at it on a trial basis over a couple of years. I don't think you can gauge anything over a single season, especially if we have weather similar to last summer."

## Catalano eyes first UK success

IT COULD be all change at the top when the women's snooker circuit descends on Swindon on Saturday.

Dudley's world No.2 Maria Catalano, who plays in the West Midlands Snooker League, has been installed as favourite to claim her first UK Championship at Jesters Snooker Hall.

Catalano, still smarting from a 3-0 defeat by Hong Kong's Ng On Yee in the final of the Northern Championship in September, could snatch the No.1 spot from another Dudley player, the absent Reanne Evans.



Baggies midfielder Youssouf Mulumbu dives in to tackle Ben Arfa



Romelu Lukaku shoots as Davide Santon closes in



Gareth McAuley challenges Shola Ameobi

# Baggies left reeling from late body blow

## Newcastle 2 Albion 1

FOR the second week running Steve Clarke was left to pick his Albion players up off the floor after another late heartbreak.

Defeat at Newcastle in the third minute of stoppage time was tantamount to daylight robbery as Papiss Cisse grabbed a winner for the hosts that he knew little about.

And the latest cruel blow for Clarke and Co came just eight days after a last-gasp, and equally harsh, loss at home to Manchester City.

If Edin Dzeko's winner for City at The Hawthorns was a little telegraphed, Cisse's 93rd-minute goal at St James' Park was a total bolt from the blue.

Albion never saw the winner coming. And neither did Cisse, who felt Sammy Ameobi's late effort deflect off his back and watched in delight as it flew past a helpless Ben Foster to seal a barely believable win for Alan Pardew's men.

### Inquest

The Magpies had dodged a bullet. Albion had been kicked in the guts. Again.

Lightening striking twice in two week-ends will mean an inevitable inquest among Baggies coaches, players and fans as they begin the countdown to their return to action against Southampton next Monday.

Yet the post mortem should be brief and the conclusion should be clear. On Tyne-side, Steve Clarke's men were simply the victims of a major injustice.

They were just about second best before half-time and, despite creating two fine chances, found themselves behind at half-way.

But their second-half performance was good enough to win most games with Romelu Lukaku bouncing back from his two earlier misses to head them level during a spell of total dominance.



Baggies front-runner Romelu Lukaku celebrates after equalising at St James' Park

When Cisse attempted to dodge Ameobi's angled shot and felt it flick off his body and past Foster, his was a look of disbelief.

Clarke bore an expression of incredulity. And little wonder after seeing his team lead last season's Premier League surprise package a merry dance for much of the second half. A draw would have been hard on Albion. Defeat was agonising.

It was the hosts who had the first real chance of the game when Shola Ameobi found space on the right and delivered a fine cross to the far post, where Demba Ba sent a header just wide.

And Foster had to be alert in Albion's goal to palm away a 25-yard effort from Davide

Santon after the Baggies half-cleared a corner.

But it was the visitors who should have gone ahead midway through the half against the run of play when James Morrison displayed composure on the edge of a crowded Baggies penalty area to feed Graham Dorrans and spark a counter-attack. Dorrans raced away and slid a pass to Lukaku, who was denied by Tim Krul's excellent save.

The hosts had dominated possession for much of the opening half, but it was a 'route one' attack that brought them the opening goal as the Baggies failed to deal with a rudimentary goal-kick.

Gareth McAuley challenged with Ameobi for Krul's clearance but could only manage a flick-on for Ba, who produced an emphatic finish past Foster.

Albion were on the back-foot but they should have levelled before the break with Lukaku again thwarted by Krul.

This time the big Belgian should have done better, latching onto Youssouf Mulumbu's clever through-ball and racing clear, only to send a weak effort too close to Krul.

The Baggies had been second best for much of the first half despite carving out two fine chances, but Albion began the second period in positive fashion and had the ball in the net within two minutes when Lukaku deflected home Mulumbu's cross-shot, only to be flagged for offside.

There were no such worries eight minutes later as the Belgian striker played his part in an excellent move before finishing it.

### Snatched

The big targetman headed Mulumbu's raking crossfield pass into the path of Zoltan Gera then peeled away to the far post to head home the Hungarian's floated cross and send the 1,400 travelling fans into raptures.

Lukaku lasted for just another 10 minutes before making way for Long, but his work for the day was done with time to spare. Albion could have snatched a second goal when Gera's free-kick from the left flew inches away from the onrushing McAuley.

They had an even better chance when Odemwingie raced down the right and crossed to the near post, where Long saw his shot smothered by Krul.

But the final sting in the tail came deep into stoppage time when Cisse tried to evade substitute Sammy Ameobi's effort and somehow left Clarke needing pick his chin off the floor again.

If last week was cruel, this was heart-breaking.

# Double delight for Haycock

## Redditch Ladies 1 Halas Ladies 3

TRACEY HAYCOCK struck twice to help fire Halas to an away-day success.

Early pressure from the hosts led to them taking the lead but Halas hit back through Haycock.

Erin Hickin put Halas in front before half-time and Haycock sealed the win after the break.

## Halas Hawks U15 Girls 4 Wyre Forest Phoenix Girls 0

Halas turned on the style to ease to victory on home soil.

Two-goal Amy Blakemore led the victory charge with Megan Hipkiss and Kayleigh Pomfret also scoring.

## Gornal Athletic Minor 1 Halas Hawks U9's East 2

Hawks overturned a half-time deficit to claim the spoils at Gornal.

Man of the match Connor Chater levelled for Hawks with James Knight's free-kick securing the win.

## Halas Hawks West U10s 1 Dudley Town 0

Halas are still unbeaten this season after a hard-fought victory over a resilient Dudley Town.

The only goal came from man of the match Brodie Crumpton.

## Halas Hawks

### Gornal Athletic U11s 0 Halas Hawks West U11s 3

Hawks soared to the top of Division Three after goals from Harvin Suthi, Casey Collins and Burhaan Siddiqi saw off Gornal.

### Gornal Colts 5 Halas Hawks U14s 5

Halas had to settle for a share of the spoils following a 10-goal thriller.

Connor Fisher kick-started the goal feast when he fired Hawks in front after a minute.

Hawks other goals were scored by Jake Macdonald, player of the match Shane Billingham, Cameron Milne and a second for Fisher.

### Halas Hawks U15s 6 Ettingshall Jrs 1

A lively match saw Halas lead 2-0 at half-time thanks to strikes from Dominic Hipkiss and Liam Holmes.

The home team stepped up the tempo after the break with further goals from Adam Higginson, Deon Patel and Jack Guest (2).

### Halas Hawks U16s 2 Oldswinford 1

The U16s came from behind to beat Oldswinford 2-1 with goals from Dan Willets and Kane Campbell.

### Halas Hawks West U9s 1 Stourbridge Glassboys 2

A goal from William Smith failed to save Hawks slipping to a home defeat.



# HUGE SAVINGS ON NEARLY NEW VAUXHALLS!!

## Corsa 1.2 S 5dr 2011 '61' plate

from only **£6990**



Features include:

- Air Conditioning
- Electric Front Windows
- Remote Central Locking
- Electric Door Mirrors.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

## Meriva 1.4 Exclusive 2011 '11' plate

from only **£8490**



Features include:

- CD/MP3/Stereo Radio
- Cruise Control
- Air Conditioning
- Steering Wheel Audio Controls

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Pictures for Illustration Purposes Only.



# Halesowen Motorhouse

www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk

## 08433 832 799

Dudley Road, Halesowen, West Midlands

Number 1 In South Birmingham For





# SPORT

Sports Desk 01902 319461

**Heartbreak**  
Late blow leaves  
Albion reeling  
**Page 39**



**All change?**  
Birmingham League  
considers new format  
**Page 39**

e-mail: chronsport@expressandstar.co.uk

## Pearson dishes out the plaudits

CHAIRMAN Nigel Pearson has praised everyone connected with Dudley Heathens – despite their play-off final heartbreak last week. The former Cradley club missed out on National League glory by a single point under controversial circumstances – but Pearson has still expressed his gratitude to those who have helped them make 2012 so memorable.

"I'd just like to praise everyone connected with the club," he said. "First of all every single rider who has represented us this year. They have worn the race jacket with pride. They know what it means to wear the hammer."

"I think Will (Pottinger) and Jan O (Pedersen) have formed a good partnership in the management team. Jan O has worked well with the youngsters in bringing them on, and Will has done a good job with tactics."

"I want to praise all the track staff at Wolverhampton Speedway. They give up their time and it's very much appreciated."

"Wolverhampton Speedway as much as anyone have played their part in bringing Heathens back on track."

"The Supporters' Club, have been a massive support and we also have to say thank you to our main team sponsors and our club partners."

"But above all that, the supporters are fantastic."

"We owe it to them to make the right choices for the future. Our fans have turned out in massive numbers."

There has been much talk about Heathens making the step up to the Premier League.

However, Pearson admits they are still undecided.

He said: "We are going to see what the BSPA AGM holds. If we are to consider Premier League membership we need to be sure that it's financially viable."

## Heathens face fans

DUDLEY HEATHENS fans have an opportunity to quiz the powers that be next week.

Supporters can offer their views on the way forward for the club and put questions to chairman Nigel Pearson and co-promoters Van Straaten and Gary Patchett at a fans' forum at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Thursday, November 8.

# Three apiece for Greaves and Shackleton

OHHC 1st XI 6 Redditch 2

OLD Halesonians firsts managed to ease to a 6-2 win despite not being at their best. Hales had the chance to score plenty more, but will be pleased to have taken the three points on a cold Saturday afternoon.

Hales opened the scoring when Josh Randhawa scored his first goal of the season, but the home team struggled to capitalise on their chances early on.

A penalty corner was saved on the line by Paul Woodall, to keep the score 1-0. Just before the break, Hales doubled their lead when Tom Buteel found Tom Bolton in the 'D', who slapped the ball past the Redditch keeper.

The second half saw Hales dominate possession, and despite a few scares defending

## Old Halesonians Hockey

they controlled the game. Captain Chris Whitley scored twice in quick succession then Buteel scored from a penalty corner after Doug Houghton was tripped in the 'D'. Redditch grabbed a goal back before Paul Woodall scored to take the result beyond doubt and a consolation from Redditch took the score to 6-2.

Aldridge &amp; Walsall 4 OHHC 2nd XI 0

Old Halesonians 2nd XI's woes continued as they suffered a deserved four-goal defeat at Aldridge & Walsall. Hales once again struggled to settle and found themselves two down early on through poor defensive play and a short corner routine, setting the

tempo for the game. Walsall continued to dominate as Hales struggled to string a set of passes together, allowing the opposition to dominate large periods of the half.

Despite an encouraging team talk from coach Jake Brooke, Hales were dealt with a sucker punch as their opponents increased their lead within minutes of the re-start, as an unfortunate deflection made its way straight onto the stick of a Walsall forward on the far post.

The goal took the stuffing out of the visitors, and a final Walsall goal from a short corner sealed a deserved win for the hosts.

Wolverhampton 0 OHHC 3rd XI 8

OHHC 3rd XI travelled to RAF Cosford in what was anticipated as a tough fixture. After an even first 20 minutes, Ash

Greaves opened the scoring from close range and went on to complete his hat-trick in the first half while also assisting a goal for Damian Shackleton.

After a 4-0 half-time, Hales added four more after the break. Shackleton completed his hat-trick before Chris Hardy and Connor Reid finished off the scoring.

**OHHC Ladies 1st XI 6 Harborne Ladies 5th XI 1**  
The Old Hales Ladies 1st XI continued their solid start to the season with a 6-1 thrashing of Harborne. Hales dominated, with a hat-trick for Annie Smith, Bernie O'Grady grabbed a brace for herself, with Laura Bird taking the tally to six.

Other Results: OHHC 4th XI 3 Harborne 5th XI 1; OHHC 5th XI 2 Solihull Blossomfield 4th XI 5.

## Mistake gifts cup victory

Halesowen Town 0 Workshop Town 1

HALESOWEN proved more than a match for higher league Workshop but failed to make the draw for the next round of the FA Trophy following a defensive blunder.

Ben Haseley went close for the Yeltz after just five minutes by outpacing Workshop central defenders Kern Miller and Adie Hawes but veteran Workshop goalkeeper Paul Bastock just managed to push away for a corner.

With Halesowen more than holding their own, Jean-Michel Gueyes found himself free in the penalty area but he rushed his final attempt in the 32nd minute.

Halesowen's good work was undone in the 35th minute when a misunderstanding gifted the below-par Tigers the solitary winning goal.

Under no pressure, central defender Sam Brooks headed the ball back past his goalkeeper Paul Evans as he came off his line, leaving Leon Mettam all alone with the simplest task of tapping into an empty net.

The Northern Premier League visitors missed their influential loan striker Tom Denton but started the second half brighter.

However, it was Bastock who rescued Workshop again with a fine blocking save after Haseley turned his marker in the 54th minute.

The Yeltz stuck to their game-plan and created two further good chances to force a replay.

Bastock turned away Gavin Winsper's 64th minute shot and made fine reflex save to keep out Haseley's diving header from a Gueyes cross.

Bastock's defence then soaked up further late pressure as Halesowen forced two injury time corners.

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Kettleby, Telford, Thursday, November 1, 2012.

# BAGGIES BACKED TO BOUNCE BACK

**ALBION keeper Ben Foster insists morale remains intact as they prepare for Monday night's Hawthorns clash with Southampton.**

The Baggies' bright start to the season has been dented by back-to-back defeats at the hands of Manchester City and Newcastle.

Both games have concluded with Albion's opponents bagging undeserved stoppage time winner, but Foster believes Albion's character shone through at St James' Park on Sunday and will do so against the Saints.

"We showed that we have spirit," said Foster. "We deserved to get at least a point if not three against Manchester City and to bounce back as we did at Newcastle, against a very good team, shows that it won't get us down."

"We will keep on playing the way we know we can."

"The gaffer said in the changing rooms that as long as we keep on playing like that we will win a lot more games than we lose."

"And he is damn right."

## Hustled

"We've got to look to the next game now and Southampton on Monday night is a game we would expect to get something from with the way we've been playing."

"We played really well against City and then again at Newcastle and Southampton will know they've been in a game."

Boss Steve Clarke is backing his side to bounce back from the defeats and he called on Albion to make Southampton feel their frustration on Monday.

"We've just got to take all the frustrations of the last two weeks and channel it into the next game," he said.

by Steve Madeley

"We have to try to make sure we get a positive result there."

"We've now got to dust ourselves down, look forward to the next game and try to take our frustrations out on Southampton."

"With a bit more luck, we could have more points than we have. In fact, we should have even more points. To be stuck on 14 points after these last two games is cruel. It's not fair."

"But we have to move on." Skipper Chris Brunt is targeting a Premier League comeback against the Saints after making a successful return from injury in the reserves midweek draw with Reading.

"Fingers crossed I'll be fit enough to face Southampton," said Brunt, who played for 61 minutes.

"It's down to the gaffer and what he thinks, but it would be nice to get involved again."

■ Albion have cut prices for the televised clash with Southampton to £15 adults, £10 pensioners, under-21s and students and £5 for under-17s.

## Unbeaten Hasbury are gunning for glory



Hasbury Rangers Girls Under-15s have their sights set on glory following a flying start to their Stourbridge and District League campaign. Hasbury are second in the table after winning four games out of four to date

# Motor-Market

Over 100 cars in stock!

Best Value, Choice &amp; Customer Service...

**Buy Now -  
Pay Nothing  
till 2013!**

Proud Sponsors  
of  
**Dudley Heathens**

**www.motor-market.net**

27 Newtown Lane Cradley Heath B64 5EB 01384 411119



57 Reg Fiesta  
1.2 Zetec

£3995 or  
£27 pw



12 Reg  
Chevrolet Spark

£7695 or  
£46 wk



09 Reg  
Nissan Qashqai

£10495 or  
£61 wk